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Ticket sales for Lotto Max are up 82 per cent in Ontario and 81 per cent nationally this week compared to last week, said Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corp. spokeswoman Sarah Kiriliuk. Sales usually jump after the jackpot tops \$40 million, she said.

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Preparing for the clampdown

Massive security plans for G20 summit unveiled

G20 Summit

Chemical and biological weapons units, bomb-sniffing dogs, police on bicycles, horseback and in riot gear will be at the ready in Toronto during the G20 summits.

And those will just be the officers you can see.

Snipers, negotiators and police in the marine unit can also be deployed should protests turn into riots and get out of hand. The Integrated Security Unit gave a public demonstration Thursday of the massive security operation in place for the summit set for June 25-26. A parallel security plan is expected for the G8 summit in Huntsville June 24-25.

If all is peaceful people will see police officers patrolling the fenced area around the Metro Toronto Convention Centre — where the summit will be held — just “walking, talking with people,” said Toronto police Const. Wendy Drummond.

“What you saw here today is when the public order unit has to come in to protect public safety, property and police officers,” she said.

Should they deem it necessary, police on bicycles

can form one line, with police in riot gear in a line behind and police on horseback behind them. The formation was shown at the demonstration Thursday and the police in riot gear slip quickly in front of the bicycle unit.

“Some Integrated Security Unit members will be seen on the streets of Toronto,” said Drummond.

“Others will be harder to spot. Some will be looking from above and some will be on the waterways.”

Dozens of extra closed-circuit cameras have been placed

through-out the

downtown core.

The Emergency Task Force, which serves as support to front-line police, will also be at the ready, consisting of trained negotiators, weapons specialists, snipers, rappel masters and those trained in explosive forced entry, Drummond said.

There is also the explosive device unit, created shortly after Sept. 11, 2001, in which all officers are trained to deal with situations involving chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear weapons.

Their equipment was on display at the demonstration. Provincial Const. Marty Groleau pointed out tools and machines for detecting chemicals or “volatile organic compounds” such as anthrax, ricin, botulism and orthopox, as well as radiation and explosives.

The Integrated Security Unit is comprised of RCMP, Ontario Provincial Police, Toronto police, Peel region police and the Canadian Armed Forces.

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Police to probe spanking incident

MISSISSAUGA Peel region police are now looking into a bizarre tale involving Mississauga municipal staff who were duct taped and spanked by co-workers.

Archaic

• An expert in workplace behaviour balked at the words used to explain the behaviour, calling it an archaic view of what is essentially harassment.

J.P. Valade said after viewing the video police have started an investigation and are trying to identify the participants in the video.

Police say they were approached March 30 by a man who made a complaint about hazing, but the investigation revealed he was not the victim of the incidents and criminal charges were not laid. However, after video surfaced showing bound up workers, Valade said there may be potential victims.

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Brain-damaged killer pleads guilty

A crack dealer left brain damaged by friends of a man he stabbed to death has pleaded guilty to manslaughter and been sentenced to time served. Joseph King, 46, was to be released from custody Thursday after the Ontario Superior Court accepted a joint Crown-defence submission and sentenced him to the equivalent of four years. King stabbed Andre Paquet, 45, on the evening of Aug. 3, 2008, during a fight, according to an agreed statement of facts.

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Video Security officials show off sonic cannons, riot gear and other gadgets for subduing rowdy G20 protesters. More at metronews.ca/canada

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Ed Drass writes about GTA transit issues. See Monday's Metro.

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Wait times unacceptable: Report

Despite progress in some areas, hospital waiting lists too long, group says

Too many people in Ontario are still waiting too long for the medical care they need, the Ontario Health Quality Council said Thursday in its 2010 annual report.

The council, an independent, arm's-length agency, said progress had been made in reducing

Backlogs

• The tripling of the wait time for a long-term care placement means alternative level of care patients are taking up

wait times for some surgeries and procedures, but others were still unacceptable.

a valuable hospital bed, creating backlogs all the way to the emergency departments, said council chair Lynn McLeod.

ably long.

Only 53 per cent of urgent cancer cases are completed

within the two-week target, one-quarter of people spend more time in the emergency department than is recommended or desirable, and the wait time for a long-term care bed is three times what it was in 2005, said council chair Lynn McLeod.

"It is obvious that the system has some significant issues to address," said McLeod. "In many areas of care too many people still wait too long."

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DVP and Gardiner part of closures over weekend

EVENTS A few sporting events and a cultural celebration will shut down some streets in the city over the weekend, including two of Toronto's busy highways.

Businesses in the affected areas will be open, but drivers can expect delays. City officials are encouraging people to take public transit to avoid traffic congestion.

On Saturday, Lansdowne Avenue will be closed from Bloor Street to College Street in both directions between 9 a.m.

and 3 p.m. for Portugal Day — a celebration of Lusitanian culture in Canada.

A section of Scarborough will also be closed Saturday for a children's triathlon. The Kids of Steel race

will close down Kingston Road between Danforth Avenue and Birchmount Road from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

On Sunday, parts of the Don Valley Parkway and the Gardiner Expressway will be closed for Becel's Ride for Heart, a charity ride to raise funds to heart and stroke research. The Gardiner will be closed from Carlaw Avenue to the Humber Bridge, while the DVP will be closed from its base at the Gardiner to Highway 401. The closure is expected to run from 2 a.m. to 2

p.m. Finally, a charity walk for the Hospital for Sick Children will close Conlins Road from Ellesmere Road to Military Trail. Maya's Walk is expected to run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Education Our future leaders



Three GTA schools were honoured Thursday at First Canadian Place with BMO Financial Group National Innovation Awards in recognition of their outstanding efforts in this year's Entrepreneurial Adventure Program. BMO Capital Markets' Derek Vernon, entrepreneur Bill Hennessy and The Learning Partnership's Veronica Lacey pose with students from Rolph Road Elementary School, Humber Summit Middle School and Coronation Public School: Aman Nahan, from left; Kinza Mehmood; Erika Bech-Hansen; Liam Dotchison; Missy Lesperance; and Ted Spence.

News in brief

CAR SEIZED Provincial police say an officer was shocked to find that a car clocked going more than 70 kilometres per hour over the speed limit had two young children inside. Po-

lice say the officer found the kids, ages one and two, in the back seat of a car clocked at 171 km/h on Highway 401 Tuesday evening near Port Hope. The driver, a 28-year-old

Toronto man, had his vehicle and licence seized for seven days and was charged with travelling in excess of 50 km/h over the speed limit.

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G8 summit goes stag

Leaders' spouses to pretend they're in Muskoka

It appears the G8 Summit at Deerpark will be a stag affair.

Spouses of the G8 leaders won't be going to the exclusive resort in Ontario's cottage country with their mates, The Canadian Press has learned.

Instead, as the heads of government gaze out at the beauty of Muskoka and debate global issues, they'll be in Toronto — pretending they're up north.

Officials will bring

Muskoka to the wives — and maybe one husband — sparing them a nearly three-hour drive, government officials explained Thursday.

The first day of summitry, June 25, will feature an introduction to the arts and culture of the region, followed by a lunch highlighting "the flavours of Muskoka."

The reason for the spouses not going? It was just too complicated.

"The G8 is primarily a business meeting," spokeswoman Beatrice Fenelon said by email.

"Unique logistics and organizational challenges made it impractical to include a separate spousal program in the region."

Joachim Sauer, husband of German Chancellor Angela Merkel, is the only man in the G8 spousal group and it's not known if he will accompany his wife. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

ROM Enter the warrior



A TV crew member takes a look at the body section of a Qin dynasty-era earthenware sculpture of an armoured general at the Royal Ontario Museum Thursday. The life size sculptures in the Warrior Emperor and China's Terracotta Army exhibit were part of an "army" believed to have been built to protect the Emperor after his death.

Hotel staff OK strike mandate

LABOUR Workers at 32 Toronto hotels have voted overwhelmingly to give their union a mandate to call a strike.

Cicely Phillips of Unite Here Local 75 says 94 per cent of the workers voted in favour of walking off the job if contract talks with management break down.

The vote comes with the summer tourism season and the G20 summit fast approaching. However, at least one hotel's labour agreement with staff will not expire before the G20.

A spokeswoman for the Fairmont Royal York says the hotel's contract expires July 17 and will be in effect during the summit.

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News in brief

BEATING Provincial police are appealing for information in the beating death of a man at Trudeau Park in Tweed, Ont., last month. Bradley Van Diepen, 28, of Mississauga, died May 22. Police are asking anyone with photos or videos of the assault to come forward, adding police are certain they exist. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Toronto-area drug company Biovail Corp. has agreed to pay up to \$65 million US plus royalties for the U.S. and Canadian rights to a development stage drug for Parkinson's disease, part of the company's new focus on treatments for central nervous-system disorders. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Voices getting heard

Film project focuses on immigrant youth

Her father couldn't find a job, her mother was worried about the family's finances, and she just wanted to go back home.

The character 15-year-old Stella Aprilia had created for the silver screen was strikingly familiar. After her family immigrated to Toronto from the sweltering hustle and bustle of Jakarta, Indonesia, Aprilia had to grapple with the loneliness that set in as she left her childhood home.

"Us immigrants, sometimes we feel left out, because we weren't born

here, we don't know much about Canada," she says.

"To tell our stories is really important."

Aprilia found an outlet for her emotions with Voices — the YMCA's new-come youth film project. Run in Toronto during the summer, the free program teaches young newcomers how to channel their experiences with immigration and settlement onto film.

"I wanted to share my own story, about how hard it was for me," says Aprilia. "It was amazing, one of the best experiences of my life."

The project, which is in

its third year, only serves the Greater Toronto Area but is already expanding its workshops as it accepts applications for this year's run.

In addition to technical training, Voices also features specialists who help the participants communicate their ideas and connect with each other. The two-month course culminates in a film festival.

"The primary objective was to give them an opportunity to share their story," says Carlos Hernandez, manager and co-creator of Voices. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Clement defends new copyright bill

Minister responds to questions, criticism on Twitter

The uproar over digital locks on movies, music and games saw Canada's industry minister take to Twitter Thursday in defence of his proposed legislation.

While the bill gives people new rights, such as legally copying a CD to an MP3 player, Internet experts point out it also puts the brakes on ripping a CD if it's digitally locked.

The legislation, tabled Wednesday, allows companies to seek damages between \$100 and \$5,000 from people who break digital locks to copy material like video games, films and music.

The critics and the curious fired their concerns at Industry Minister Tony Clement on Twitter and the minister responded,

Benefit?

- Industry Minister Tony Clement argued consumers could benefit from the changes, saying the copyright legislation will allow Canadians access to new technologies earlier. New products are often delayed in Canada because there is always a concern about copyright, he said.

even to some harsh criticism.

"Sold Canadians out to big U.S. lobby. I hope you enjoy seeing millions of Cans (Canadians) fined," read one tweet, which Clement labelled "the bad."

When asked if people can still rip CDs for their

iTunes, Clement tweeted: "yup."

"If C-32 is unchanged, manufacturers shd (should) be required to label all media if it contains a digital lock," tweeted another person.

Clement said he was happy to look into it.

Others applauded the minister for his openness.

"Really impressed with the way that Tony Clement is using Twitter to directly discuss proposed copyright leg (legislation)," wrote one.

Earlier in the day, Clement took questions from the media and said the new copyright legislation is neutral on the issue of locks, so it's up to the creators of CDs and DVDs to issue them.

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A car crashed into the wall of Sylvester Separate School Thursday in the Birchmount and Finch area of Scarborough. The driver of the car was sent to hospital with minor injuries.

Car crashes into east-end school

SCARBOROUGH A car crashed into a school building in Toronto's east end Thursday, leaving a large hole in the wall.

Ambulance crews say one person in the vehicle

was sent to hospital with minor injuries.

There are no reports of any students suffering injuries.

The crash left a massive hole in the wall of

Sylvester Separate School in the Birchmount and Finch area.

There is no word on whether charges will be laid.

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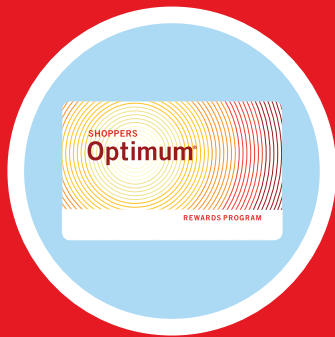
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Teacher accused of sexually assaulting boy

A teacher from a North York middle school has been charged with sexually assaulting one of his students, marking the second sex crimes-related arrest of a teacher in Toronto in the last two days.

In a letter addressed to parents, Doug Loosemore,

the principal of Don Mills Middle School, said one of his teachers was arrested Thursday morning.

Chi Cuong Hang, of Toronto, is charged with two counts of sexual assault and two counts of sexual interference.

He has been teaching at

Child porn case

Stewart Adams, a teacher at Kingsview Village Junior School, was arrested Wednesday and faces child pornography charges.

the middle school since

2003 and has worked at other schools in Toronto, said Grant Bowers, a lawyer for the Toronto District School Board.

The charges come after a 12-year-old boy spoke to staff, who then alerted the principal May 14.

Police say there were

two separate incidents involving the boy and Hang, 38, while the alleged victim was at school.

"As of today and pending outcome of this matter, Mr. Hang will not be at Don Mills MS," said Loosemore.

The school has hired a

substitute teacher to take over Hang's Grade 7 gym, science and English classes.

Const. Tony Vella said there may be more victims and is encouraging students who may have been victimized to speak to police.

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Arrests in alleged fraud bring relief

CRIME The arrest of five people charged in an alleged fraud scheme totalling \$8 million has given some relief to a Waterloo couple.

"Oh, thank God," Linda Firman said when she heard about the arrests Wednesday night. "It's been in our nightmares for a few years now."

Firman, 60, and her husband Bob Firman, 71, invested \$50,000 in Commonwealth Capital in 2002 on the advice of their financial adviser, who was with Clarica Life Insurance at the time. Clarica has since been bought out by Sun Life Financial.

It wasn't until 2006 that the couple discovered their money had not been invested in a financial product backed by Clarica, but had been put into Commonwealth Capital Corporation, a company that was backing the construction of a retirement residence — Emmanuel Village — in Kitchener.

Instead of receiving their \$50,000 investment plus interest, the Firmans found out the money was frozen as part of a civil litigation involving Commonwealth founder Bryan Hunking. Hunking's partners in Emmanuel Village were arguing in court over who rightfully owned the development and the property, and the Firmans' investment had been frozen.

Bryan Hunking, 59, and Judith Hunking, 57, of Elmira, and Inderpal Bajaj, 55, Rajesh Chowdhry, 48, and Ajindrapal Singh, 54, all of Brampton, have been charged with fraud-related offences.

The group is accused of holding financial seminars in Toronto in 2000 and encouraging investors to put money into its companies, with the promise of large returns through an offshore Indian Money Market.

But police allege the money was funnelled into Emmanuel Village and none of the investors saw a return. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Canada



Help the world, China told

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty, left, is urging China to play a pivotal role in keeping the global economic recovery going. In a speech Thursday in Beijing, Flaherty said the fast-growing Chinese economy helped prop up trade around the world during the 2008-09 recession.

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PMs agree to disagree on bank tax

Prime Minister Stephen Harper hates the idea of taxing banks. Britain's prime minister likes it.

And that made their one-hour meeting at 10 Downing Street in London on Thursday just a touch icy.

Britain's David Cameron said afterwards his country will continue to push for such a tax, despite Harper.

"We've always made clear, here in the U.K., that we will press ahead with this measure anyway, partly because of the large support the taxpayers have given to the banks," Cameron said.

"But obviously we'd like to secure the maximum amount of agreement."

Harper argues it would

be unfair to penalize Canadian banks, which he says have performed better than their international counterparts during the recent economic turmoil.

He said Britain has a "very different history" with the issue.

"The population is outraged about having to have bailed out the private sector," Harper said. "That's not the case in Canada."

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Some taxing talks on banks: Prime Minister Stephen Harper walks with British PM David Cameron.

Tory aides dodge the bailiff

POLITICS Two government officials are playing cat-and-mouse with a Commons bailiff trying to serve them a summons.

Dimitri Soudas of the Prime Minister's Office, and Gillian Andrews in the office of the natural resources minister, have been called to testify on political interference.

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Human remains possibly discovered in Kingston

Police say they're investigating the discovery of possible human remains at a construction site in Kingston. The bones were found by staff in a landfill at a location on Princess Street. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Did gaffe cost lotto player \$30 million?

Voided ticket had jackpot-winning numbers

Shawn Noel's heart sank when, one by one, he checked the numbers on a rejected lottery ticket.

The Newfoundland shopkeeper was asked by officials at Atlantic Lottery Corp. late last month to retrieve one of the thousands of tickets that are rejected by patrons every month across Atlantic Canada.

Noel immediately recovered it and, with a lottery official at his side, compared the numbers on the voided ticket against those that would have captured the May 21 mega jackpot.

They matched perfectly, meaning that an unlucky patron came within a hair's breadth of a \$30-million windfall.

"I was kinda blown away," Noel, owner of The Corner Store in Goulds, said Thursday with a chuckle.

"Yep, it could have been \$30 million. But, anyway, that's it, that's all you can do."

Noel explained that the unidentified person came into his convenience store and bakery on the day of

"I was kinda blown away ... Yep, it could have been \$30 million. But, anyway, that's it, that's all you can do."

Shawn Noel, store owner

the draw and asked for a ticket.

But the cashier printed off one worth about \$27, much higher than the roughly \$10 ticket the person wanted.

The clerk voided it and printed off another when the customer said they didn't want the first one.

It raises the question whether the potentially winning numbers could have been on the \$10 ticket the customer had initially requested.

"It's possible, but not very likely," Noel said.

Goulds was once a separate town of about 12,000 but was amalgamated into St. John's years ago. The voided ticket is the talk of the rural community as locals wonder who lost out on the \$30 million win.

"I don't know if anybody knew the person, to tell you the truth, because no-

body said any names," said Kim Reid, 40, who lives in Goulds and tends bar at Brewskies, where talk about the ticket has been the buzz for more than a week. "For sure if they did, we would know by now."

Hindsight is 20-20 and everyone is saying they would never have handed back the life-altering jackpot, Reid said, but it's possible the purchaser only had enough money for the lower-priced ticket.

"It's hard, I guess, you'd have to be in that situation, depending if you had the money on you or not. ... Maybe they weren't meant to have it. Who's to say?"

Jennifer Dalton, a spokeswoman for the lottery corporation, said the clerk followed company procedures by voiding the ticket.

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Canadian activists released by Israel

DIPLOMACY Foreign Affairs officials have confirmed that the last two of three Canadians detained in Israel following a raid on a flotilla of ships off the Gaza coast have been released and are in Turkey.

Kevin Neish of Victoria, Rifat Audeh of St. Catharines, and Farooq Burney, were arrested by Israeli commandos after a violent confrontation at sea early Monday that left nine activists dead.



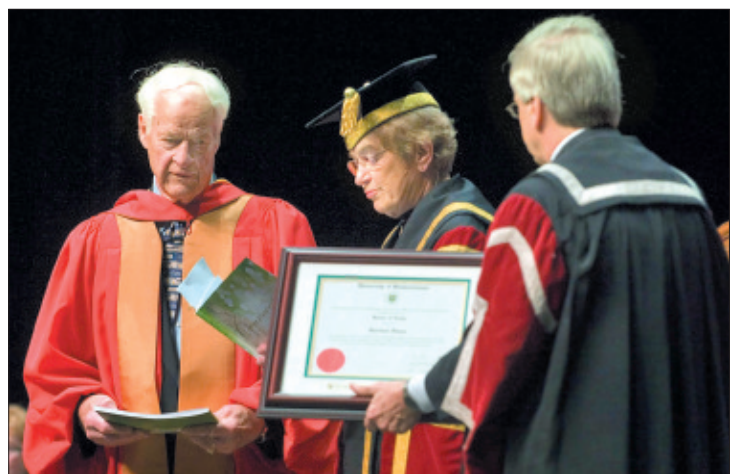
Kevin Neish

Another 700 activists were arrested when soldiers descended on ships ferrying humanitarian aid to the blockaded Gaza

Strip. Neish's friend, Zoe Blunt, said Thursday that Neish said he barely escaped with his life from the raids, and described seeing soldiers gun down civilians from helicopters as the raid began.

"He has witnessed some real horrific things ... He was stepping over dead bodies in the hallways and saw people who were shot by the Israelis."

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NHL legend Gordie Howe, left, receives an honorary doctorate Thursday from University of Saskatchewan chancellor Vera Pezer, centre, and president Peter MacKinnon.

You can call him Dr. Hockey

HONOUR The man known as Mr. Hockey has a new title — Dr. Hockey.

National Hockey League legend Gordie Howe, 82, received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree Thursday from the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon.

University president Peter MacKinnon lauded Howe's "peerless performance" as a professional hockey player over a span of 33 years and said Howe's philanthropic contributions to the community make him an inspiration for all Canadians.

"Among a handful of the very best players in the history of the game, Gordie

Howe is a role model for those who take raw talent and use hard work and dedication to achieve great success," MacKinnon told the graduates.

Howe stood quietly on the stage wearing a red convocation gown. He smiled and gave a wave to the crowd, but did not speak.

The man who is regarded as one of the best to ever play the game was born in Floral, Sask., in 1928 and grew up in Saskatoon during the depression.

In 1946, at the age of 18, Howe entered the National Hockey League. He was in the top five in scoring for

20 consecutive years in the NHL. Howe endured crippling injuries during his career, amassing 500 stitches in his face alone, according to his website MrHockey.com.

The Hall of Famer won four Stanley Cups with the Detroit Red Wings in the 1950s and six Hart Trophies as the league's most valuable player.

MacKinnon also recognized Howe's charity work, including his Howe Foundation, which raises money so underprivileged children can play hockey. There was a lot of support for Howe's nomination for the honorary degree, he said.

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News in brief

DISAPPEARANCE The case of two Calgary seniors who disappeared a week ago appears to have ended in death on an isolated bush country road. RCMP say a car matching the description of the couple's silver Chrysler Sebring was found by two dirt bike riders Wednesday night on a secluded lease road 100 kilometres northwest of the city.

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Justice for murdered Chinese student?

TRIAL It's been eight long years, but the family of a Chinese student who was murdered in Canada may finally get some justice.

The body of Amanda Zhao, 21, was found stuffed in a suitcase in Stave Lake, B.C., in October 2002.

Her boyfriend, Ang Li, fled to China before the RCMP laid charges against him for her death.

NDP MLA Jenny Kwan, who has remained in touch with Zhao's family in China, said Thursday that the matter has now been referred to a court in Beijing.

No date has been set but the hearings will be open to the public.

Mounties have twice travelled to China to deal with officials there about the case.

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Nova Scotia's auditor general says he has referred another case to the RCMP in his examination of legislature expense claims. Jacques Lapointe says he was informed May 20 by the Speaker's office that they had come into possession of evidence of possible illegalities in expense claims. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Stop stonewalling, CBC told

Watchdog delivers a rocket

Canada's information commissioner has smacked the CBC for stonewalling requests under the access-to-information law.

In her 2009-2010 annual report released Thursday, Suzanne Legault said the public broadcaster has wrongly withheld information, taken too long to respond to some requests and tried to overcharge on some files.

The report came out the same day Prime Minister Stephen Harper formally nominated Legault — acting information commissioner for a year — to take the top job on a permanent basis.

The report noted the

Who is she?

- The commissioner is an officer of Parliament who acts as a watchdog over the access-to-information system.

- Suzanne Legault is a lawyer who was named an assistant commissioner in 2007 and became acting commissioner last June.

CBC was among 70 crown agencies brought under the access act three years ago and has since had hundreds of complaints.

Since 2007, the commissioner has received 889 complaints about the broadcaster.

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Suzanne Legault's report raps the CBC on the day she took over the job on a permanent basis.

Bus attack man gets break

CRIME Less than two years after he stabbed and beheaded a fellow passenger on a Greyhound bus, Vince Li may get his first small taste of freedom.

The Criminal Code Review Board of Manitoba approved a plan Thursday to let Li walk around the unfenced grounds of the Selkirk Mental Health Centre as long as he is escorted by two staff members.

The decision was a blow to the family of Tim McLean, the young carnival worker killed by Li.

"When you do what he



Vince Li attacked man on Greyhound bus.

did, you should be locked up for the rest of your natural life, period," his mother, Carol DeDelle, said from her home in Elie, Man.

Li has been held inside a locked portion of the centre since he was found not

criminally responsible for the killing of Tim McLean in July, 2008.

The two men sat next to each other on a bus ride to Winnipeg from Edmonton.

Suddenly, Li stood up and started stabbing McLean repeatedly.

He carved up the body and scattered it around the bus. Part of McLean's heart and his eyes were never found.

Li suffered from undiagnosed schizophrenia, his trial was told.

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Seventy ill after charity food-fest

ILLNESS Health officials in the Sarnia area are investigating a serious parasitic outbreak among people who attended a charity cooking event.

About 400 people attended the Chef's Challenge event held by the local Big Sisters charity and more than 70 people have reported becoming ill.

Seven people have been confirmed as having cyclospora. Symptoms include stomach cramps, diarrhea, vomiting, aches, headache, fever, fatigue, loss of appetite and weight loss.

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B.C. grow op raid yields rocket launcher

The RCMP have seized a rocket launcher and a small arsenal of other weapons in a raid on a marijuana grow operation on a rural property near Kamloops, B.C. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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MPs open to training Afghans after '11

Canada's role would be continuation of mentoring already taking place

Canada may keep a military presence in Afghanistan after its combat mission ends next year in order to strengthen the country's national security forces, an all-party House of Commons committee on the conflict says.

The Canadian Forces is scheduled to end the combat mission in July 2011, but there have been persistent calls from NATO for Canada to maintain a small non-combat military presence that would help in the ongoing — and often frustrating — effort to train local soldiers and police officers.

It's an idea that the Special Committee on the Canadian Mission in Afghanistan is willing to explore, said Liberal foreign affairs critic Bob Rae.

"The door is open to a serious discussion in Canada, and then between Canada and NATO, about what the future looks like," Rae said earlier this week as committee members paid a visit to Kandahar Airfield.

"Increasing the capacity



Liberal member Bob Rae, third left, and other members of Canada's parliamentary committee on the Afghan mission wait to pick up their luggage at Kandahar Airfield on Sunday at the start of their five-day visit to Afghanistan.

both of the Afghan police, the Afghan military and frankly the Afghan judicial system has been very much part of what we've been doing and I think it's something that needs to continue."

The committee spent sev-

eral days touring facilities in Kandahar and Kabul, but details of the visit could not be reported until Thursday for security reasons.

Tory MP Kevin Sorenson, the chairman of the committee, said Canada could play an integral role in

strengthening Afghanistan's police and military in 2011 and beyond.

"We all realize that the Afghan police as well as the military are going to have to increase capacity if they're going to be able to secure their own country,

and Canada may have a role in that," Sorenson said.

The politically sensitive question of Canada's future role in Afghanistan has dogged the federal government since Parliament passed a motion two years ago that requires the Canadian military to cease combat operations by July 2011 and withdraw from Kandahar.

Canada has about 50 RCMP and municipal officers and 40 military police personnel mentoring Afghan cops at the provincial reconstruction centre in Kandahar city. The U.S. recently poured more police mentors into the base and also operates a police training centre near Kandahar Airfield.

Washington's preference would be to have the Canadian battle group remain where it is. But a fallback position, as suggested by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, would be for Canada to play a larger role in doing something it already does: Training the Afghan army.

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Oops! PM wrong about losers

PARLIAMENT Losers may be more powerful than Prime Minister Stephen Harper thinks.

Harper raised a few eyebrows Thursday when he boldly declared that "losers don't get to form coalitions" at a news conference in London with British Prime Minister David Cameron.

It may have made for a neat soundbite, but constitutional experts say it's not quite accurate.

"It seems to me like the kind of thing he wished he hadn't said," said Ned Franks, a professor emeritus at Queen's University and a widely consulted constitutional expert.

Under the British parliamentary model, a party can have the confidence of the House without actually having the most seats. Which means losers can lead.

"After an election in which no party has a majority, losers can form coalitions," said Craig Force, a law professor at the University of Ottawa.

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Not enough evidence against man for murder charge: Judge

WOODSTOCK A judge has decided there's not enough evidence to try a Woodstock, Ont., man for first-degree murder, but a charge of indignity to a body will proceed.

Justice Marietta Roberts said Thursday there was insufficient evidence to put to a jury on the murder charge against 42-year-old John Robinson.

Robinson was charged in

the death of Clifford Fair, 26, who was reported missing in September 2008. Police recovered Fair's dismembered remains that November in the backyard of a home where Robinson lived with Amy Cassidy-Gilbert.

Cassidy-Gilbert pleaded guilty last year to being an accessory to the murder of Fair, and was sentenced to 10 months. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Feds launch \$35B, 30-year shipbuilding plan

STRATEGY Canada's five big shipyards will slug it out over the next two years to become the preferred builders of a new fleet of combat and civilian ships, federal ministers said Thursday.

Only two yards will construct the estimated 28 big ships the federal government wants to acquire over the next three decades. The remaining companies will then bid on small vessel contracts, as well as repair and refit jobs.

The plan is the centerpiece of the federal government's shipbuilding strategy, with an estimated \$35 billion in navy and



Defence Minister Peter MacKay announces a shipbuilding strategy at the Canadian Association of Defence and Security Industries conference Thursday in Ottawa.

coast guard vessel purchases.

The program will pro-

duce equipment essential to the Canadian Forces, said Defence Minister

Peter MacKay.

To become a preferred "strategic" builder, companies must promise millions of dollars in infrastructure investment as well as job commitments.

Critics warned the strategy could pit both coasts against one another and could also be costly for industry as the notoriously cut-throat companies climb over each other for one of the coveted spots.

For decades Canada has relied on open competition among yards to build its major warships, and is the last of the NATO countries to move to the model of preferred contractors.

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News in brief

N.B. An official with Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd. says the major refurbishment of New Brunswick's Point Lepreau nu-

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World



Blagojevich's trial begins

Jury selection began Thursday in Chicago in the corruption trial of former Illinois governor Rod Blagojevich, left, who is accused of trying to sell U.S. President Barack Obama's former Senate seat among other charges. Blagojevich, 53, has pleaded not guilty to 24 counts including racketeering, wire fraud, attempted extortion and bribery.

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Nuclear option?

U.S. dismisses Russian suggestion to stem oil

As top scientists and engineers debate ways to plug the Gulf of Mexico oil gusher, one previously unthinkable idea that had been gaining steam in recent weeks has been decisively shot down: Nukes.

Top Obama administration officials took to the airwaves on Thursday to scoff at a suggestion sparked by a Russian newspaper, Komsomolskaya Pravda. The paper has pointed out the Soviet Union used nuclear weapons several times from the 1960s to the early '80s to cap their own out-of-control gas and oil wells, and urged the United States to do the same.

"We are against blowing up the Gulf of Mexico," Carol Browner, Obama's energy and climate change czar, said on MSNBC.

"You could end up with an uncontrolled situation — rather than just having one point of leakage, which is this well, you could end up with a lot of places leaking. This is obviously a very difficult situation, but we wouldn't want to make it more difficult."

Some American experts have nonetheless taken up the call, a sign of how des-

Latest attempt

BP sliced off a pipe with giant shears Thursday in the latest bid to curtail the worst spill in U.S. history, but the cut was jagged and placing a cap over the gusher will now be more challenging. BP CEO Tony Hayward says the company should know today whether its latest effort will contain the oil.

perate the situation has become in the gulf. Explosives — nuclear or otherwise — could serve to collapse the BP well, they say, and plug the hole that's been spewing a torrent of oil into the gulf for weeks, ever since the company's Deepwater Horizon rig exploded in April.

"Seafloor nuclear detonation is starting to sound surprisingly feasible and appropriate," Michael E. Webber, a mechanical engineer at the University of Texas in Austin, said last month.

Christopher Brownfield, a one-time nuclear submarine officer and now a nuclear expert at Columbia University, has also suggested nuking the well to

bring the calamity to a close.

"We should have demolished this well with explosives over a month ago," he wrote on the Daily Beast this week.

"And yet we watch in excruciating suspense while BP fumbles through plan after plan to recover its oil and cover its asset It would be far better for our president to pick up the red phone and call Vladimir Putin for a lesson on ninjapolitik than to leave BP in charge of the ineffectual plans that it's bringing to the table."

While the Soviet Union did in fact use nukes to bring errant oil and gas wells under control — the heat from the blasts melted the surrounding rock to stop the flow — historians have pointed out that none of those leaks were on the ocean floor.

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Russia Catch some rays while you can



From left, Russia's Alexey Sitev, France's Romain Charles, Russia's Sukhrob Kamolov, Italy's Diego Urbina, Russia's Alexander Smolevsky and China's Wang Yue are seen before entering Moscow's Institute for Medical and Biological Problems Thursday. A team of researchers launched a grueling simulation of a flight to Mars that will keep them locked in windowless modules for 520 days — the amount of time required for a return trip to the Red Planet.

Another headache for Obama

WASHINGTON The White House was again on the defensive Thursday after a Democrat said he had been approached about possible administration jobs to discourage him from opposing President Barack Obama's favoured candidate in a Senate race.

The administration denied accusations of backroom dealmaking, but the claim by Andrew Romanoff, a Senate candidate from

Colorado, called into question repeated promises by Obama to run an open government that was above private political dealmaking.

Last Friday, an embarrassed White House admitted that it had turned to Obama former president Bill Clinton last year to approach a Senate candi-

date in Pennsylvania about backing out of a Democratic primary in favour of an unpaid position on a federal advisory board.

The revelations have created new headaches for Obama and Democrats ahead of the November congressional election. Obama has seen his poll numbers dip as he struggles to deal with the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico and a weak economy.

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businessman who lodged the original charges filed a complaint to a lower court and won.

RUSSIA A state news agency is quoting the country's security chief as saying terrorists intend to disrupt preparations for the 2014 Sochi Olympics. Itar-Tass quotes Alexander Bortnikov, head of the Federal Security Service, as saying Thursday the Winter Games face the same kinds of threats that led to the cancellation of the 2008 Paris-Dakar motor rally. Referring to the rally, Bortnikov was quoted as saying "we can clearly hear the intentions of various gang leaders to stage a similar scenario in the run-up to the Winter Olympics in 2014." The Black Sea resort of Sochi is relatively close to Russia's restive North Caucasus region. Government officials have given firm security guarantees to the International Olympic Committee.

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Gunman kills two in Belgian court

A lone gunman killed a magistrate and a clerk in a Brussels courthouse Thursday, then fled on foot, setting off a manhunt in the centre of the Belgian capital. The dead magistrate, Isabelle Brandon, dealt with minor civil cases often involving quarreling neighbours. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Israel's use of video criticized

Israel's military is using video confiscated from people on the Gaza-bound aid flotilla to justify opening fire during its deadly raid on the ships, drawing sharp criticism Thursday from foreign correspondents who say some of the footage was shot by journalists.

At least two videos posted to the army spokesperson's YouTube channel are labeled "captured" from the Mavi Marmara, the Turkish ship Israeli commandos stormed in a nighttime raid Monday that left nine people dead.

The military allowed some journalists to board vessels used in the raid, and several dozen reporters were on board the flotilla's six ships as well. Video of the operation is playing a major role in Israel's and pro-Palestinian activists' efforts to try to push their version of events.

Israel says the commandos resorted to force only after activists attacked them with knives, crowbars and clubs, as well as two pistols wrested from soldiers. Activists who had set



A relative grieves at the funeral of a victim of Monday's flotilla raid, at a mosque in Istanbul, Turkey, Thursday.

sail for Gaza with 10,000 tons of aid, hoping to break Israel's three-year-old blockade of Gaza, say the commandos fired first.

The Foreign Press Association, which represents hundreds of journalists in Israel and the Palestinian territories, demanded Thursday that the military stop using the captured material without permission

and identify the source of the video already released. Videos released by the army have shown the commandos' descent onto the ship and then their clash with the activists.

The "captured" footage was filmed on board the ship during the operation. One video shows commandos in a boat beside the Mavi Marmara, with ac-

tivists apparently spraying jets of water at them and then a large flash — what the army says is a stun grenade launched at the soldiers. Another video shows a man being interviewed, saying that he wants to become a martyr. A microphone bearing the logo of Iran's state-run Press TV points up at him.

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British town left asking questions after shootings

ENGLAND Derrick Bird killed his twin brother and the family lawyer, then travelled the roads he had worked as a taxi driver, shooting people — apparently aiming for their faces — killing 12 in all and wounding nearly a dozen before committing suicide.

Detectives Thursday were trying to answer the elusive question: What drove the 52-year-old cabbie to commit the worst mass shooting in Britain since 1996?

"There are 23 families out there who want to know why these events happened," Detective Chief Superintendent Iain Goulding said. "Our communities want to know why this has happened. My officers and I are absolutely determined to get to the bottom of why

this happened."

Goulding said detectives would investigate rumours that Bird had financial problems or domestic troubles. He refused to speculate on what caused Bird to shoot people he knew, like his brother David Bird and lawyer Kevin Commons, as well as others he apparently did not.

In the traumatized town of Whitehaven, people described Bird as quiet and friendly. Known to some as "Birdy," he was a divorced dad who'd reportedly just become a grandfather for the first time. He held licenses for both of the weapons — a shotgun and a .22-calibre rifle with a telescopic sight — that were recovered beside his body.

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News in brief

SCIENCE Eight scientists from the U.S., Britain and Germany shared three awards worth \$1 million each on Thursday for work that has helped humans explore distant corners of the universe and the tiniest parti-

cles on Earth. The biennial Kavli Prizes honour research in three categories: astrophysics, nanoscience and neuroscience. The winners were announced at a ceremony in Oslo, Norway.

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A route to Afghan peace?

After two days of sometimes acrimonious debate, President Hamid Karzai yesterday looked likely to win a national peace conference's support for his plan to invite the Taliban to negotiations to try to end years of war.

Olive-branch proposal

- Afghan President Hamid Karzai wants to offer rank-and-file insurgents incentives to lay down their arms, and to hold talks with top Taliban leaders if they renounce al-Qaida.

But delegates differed about exactly what to offer, and to whom, and when. The government says it

called together the 1,500 provincial, religious, tribal and other leaders from across the country to advise Karzai on what to try next to end fighting between Taliban insurgents and Afghan forces backed by U.S. and NATO troops.

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Philippine government, rebels agree to keep talking

NEGOTIATIONS The Philippine government and Muslim rebel negotiators agreed yesterday to continue talks to end the decades-long separatist rebellion in the country's troubled south after President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo steps down later this month.

In their final meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, the current government peace panel and representatives of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front signed a declaration to pursue a settlement, a Philippine foreign affairs official said.

Congress is expected next week to officially proclaim opposition Senator Benigno

Aquino III, the son of the country's democracy icons, as Arroyo's successor after last month's national elections.

The official ballot count shows that Aquino could win as president by a landslide.

"Today, we put closure to this stage of the peace negotiations with a clear statement by both parties that we will preserve our gains and accomplishments, and work our best for the continuation of the talks," Foreign Undersecretary Rafael Seguis, the chief government peace negotiator, said in a statement.

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Japan Just desserts



A sales clerk arranges pastries named "Hatoyama cookies," in yellow, and "Hatoyama Manju," in red, bearing drawings of outgoing Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama at a shop in Tokyo's Akihabara district yesterday. They were put up for sale after Hatoyama announced his resignation Wednesday, amid public disgust with his broken campaign promises, after eight months in office.

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17 dead in Somali attacks

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Man detained 5 years after girl disappears in Aruba

Chilean police arrest Dutchman in Peru killing

A Dutchman long suspected in the disappearance of an Alabama teen in Aruba was arrested Thursday in the murder of a young woman in Peru.

Stephany Flores, 21, was killed in a Lima hotel Sunday, five years to the day after Natalee Holloway disappeared.

The suspect, Joran van der Sloot, was escorted by three police officers as he was taken from a dark vehicle into a police office in downtown Santiago, Chile. He made no comment as he entered, walking calmly and without handcuffs as journalists shouted his name.



Joran van der Sloot

Van der Sloot was detained while travelling in a taxi, about halfway to the coast on Route 68, said Fernando Ovalle, deputy spokesman of Chile's national investigative police.

The suspect did not resist and has been calm under detention, Ovalle said.

Chilean police are awaiting instructions from their counterparts in Peru, Ovalle said.

Flores, who had been seen with van der Sloot early Sunday, was found Wednesday lying face down on the floor of the suspect's hotel room in Lima, with her neck bro-

ken, Peruvian police Gen. Cesar Guardia told The Associated Press. She was fully clothed, with no signs of having been sexually abused.

Authorities found no potential murder weapons in the room, Garcia said.

Flores was killed exactly five years after the May 30, 2005, disappearance of Holloway during a high school trip in Aruba, a Dutch Caribbean island where van der Sloot's late father was a prominent judge.

Prosecutors said van der Sloot is still their main suspect in the case even though he was never charged.

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News in brief

GERMANY Germany's government has nominated the 50-year-old governor of Lower Saxony as its candidate for the nation's presidency. Chancellor

Angela Merkel tapped Christian Wulff on Tuesday to run for Germany's head of state after President Horst Koehler's surprise resignation

Monday. The German president has a largely ceremonial job, but traditionally functions as the nation's moral voice. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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U.S. border 'safer than ever'

It's one of the safest parts of America — and it's getting safer.

It's the U.S.-Mexico border, and even as politicians say more federal troops are needed to fight rising violence, government data obtained by The Associated Press show it actually isn't so dangerous after all.

The top four big cities in America with the lowest rates of violent crime are all in border states: San

Diego, Phoenix, El Paso and Austin, according to a new FBI report. And an in-house Customs and Border Protection report shows Border Patrol agents face far less danger than street cops in most U.S. cities.

The Customs and Border Protection study, obtained with a Freedom of Information Act request, shows three per cent of Border Patrol agents and officers were assaulted last year,

mostly when assailants threw rocks at them.

That compares with 11 per cent of police officers and sheriff's deputies assaulted during the same period, usually with guns or knives.

In addition, violent attacks against agents declined in 2009 along most of the border for the first time in seven years. So far this year assaults are slightly up, but data is in-

complete.

"The border is safer now than it's ever been," said U.S. Customs and Border Protection spokesman Lloyd Easterling.

He said one factor is that with fewer jobs available amid the U.S. recession, illegal immigration has dropped. Nonetheless, border lawmakers and governors say their region is under siege and needs more troops. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Metal barricades mark the border between San Diego, Calif., and Tijuana, Mexico. Data shows the area around the border is not as dangerous as many people may think.

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Al-Qaida member calls for royal kidnappings

MESSAGE A senior member of an al-Qaida offshoot in Yemen has called on supporters in a new audio message to kidnap Christians and members of the Saudi royal family.

The deputy chief of al-Qaida in the Arabian peninsula, Said al-Shihri, says such hostages could be used as a bargaining chip to secure the release of the terror group's supporters held in jails across the region.

In a rare nod to al-Qaida's female supporters, al-Shihri singles out a Saudi woman preacher, Haila al-Kassir.

He says al-Kassir is currently in Saudi custody.

Al-Shihri recently made a similar appeal for attacks against U.S. and Saudi interests in the Middle East.

The 17-minute audio tape was posted Thursday on websites frequently used by Islamist extremists.

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Comment

Cities can be hostile places for elderly

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My 78-year-old neighbour Rosa holds court on her front porch every evening with a few of her equally aged friends. They yak in Italian, greet passersby and berate me

for not watering my flowers. I think of them as the neighbourhood mayor and council.

When the evening "meeting" breaks up, Rosa goes inside, Theresa walks a block and a half home, Lucia goes to her house three doors down, and Maria limps around the corner to her place.

These women live a good life in our downtown neighbourhood. None of them drive, but there are three drug stores, three butchers, myriad green grocers, a shoemaker, a

half-dozen hairdressers, dentists, lawyers, a doctor's office, a church, a post office, a hardware store, and a subway stop within a few short blocks of home.

Statistics Canada predicts there will soon be a lot more seniors like Rosa and her friends. The number of people 65 and older is expected to nearly double to between 9.9 million and 10.9 million by 2036, up from 4.7 million in 2009.

With 60 per cent of seniors living in communities

of more than 100,000, the aging population poses a significant challenge for cities. Simply getting around, for instance, will be a growing problem for the suburban elderly who can no longer drive.

Research suggests that inadequate transit, the lack of nearby amenities and an environment hostile to pedestrians means seniors living in sprawling developments take fewer trips each week than those living in denser, downtown neighbourhoods. They are less likely to leave

their homes on any given day. What's more, traffic lights that change too quickly and streets that are too wide make walking a dangerous endeavour: In 2001, there were 3.7 pedestrian fatalities per 1,000 population among those 65 and older — the highest rate for any age group in Canada.

Cities are hostile places for the elderly in other ways. They lack public toilets. There are too few places to sit and rest. Rough sidewalks make it easy to trip and fall.

Having said all that, there is hope. The first of the baby boomers turns 65 next year and by 2031, they will all be 65 or older. This is a demographic that gets what it wants and if boomers demand better transit, safer intersections, more public toilets and more places to sit — well it just might happen. And that means better cities for people of all ages.

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Views

'Don't forget about the people of Chad'



Mia Farrow

I have been to Chad 13 times. What brings me back — again and again — is the warmth and resilience of the people despite living in one of the world's poorest and conflict torn countries. They always tell me: "Don't forget about us here in Chad," and I always respond, "I won't. I promise."

My most recent trip to Chad was in March with UNICEF, where I visited Mao, a sand-swept town in

the Kanem region in the far west of the country. It is the most desolate and powerfully beautiful place I have ever seen. There are no roads here. Homes are constructed of bricks made of sand and dung. The people are herders, farmers and traders.

But the rainfall last year was barely one-third of what it once was and the sands of the Sahel have been moving relentlessly over the parched Kanem region. With drought came the failure of the crops. The food stocks are gone. The camels are dying. But the real horror is that the children of Mao are at risk of dying, too.

Approximately two million people in Chad are in need of food aid — but support is falling short. Last month, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) sounded the alarm, saying that of the \$11.8 million requested for agricultural emergency operations in the country, only \$2 million has been mobilized. That compares with the \$14.5 million FAO has raised for neighbouring Niger, also hit by severe food shortages.

"Donors are afraid of a repetition of the 2005 food crisis in Niger, when many people starved to death," Fatouma Seid, FAO's emer-

gency operations expert, said in a statement. "In comparison, there's less awareness of what's happening in Chad, although the situation there is just as critical."

The government of Chad and the international community must urgently respond to this crisis. The same message I hear from men, women and children who I meet when travelling through this African country is the same message I urge the world to hear: "Don't forget about the people of Chad."

Mia Farrow is a UNICEF goodwill ambassador.



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Radio stations lost revenue in 2009: CRTC

MEDIA Canada's federal regulator says commercial AM and FM radio stations generally produced lower revenues in 2009, although French-language FM stations managed to buck the trend.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission says that, overall, radio station revenues fell 5.2 per cent to \$1.5 billion in the year ended Aug. 31, 2009.

Revenues for English-language FM radio were down 5.8 per cent to just less than \$1 billion, while French-language FM radio reported slightly higher revenues of \$227 million.

AM radio station revenues were down 7.4 per cent to just more than \$300 million. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Retail Shoppers take a break



A woman walks past a Louis Vuitton store in San Francisco. U.S. retailers are reporting tepid business in May after cool weather and fresh concerns about the economy had shoppers cutting spending on clothing and other non-essentials. Among the few bright spots were Victoria's Secret parent Limited Brands Inc. and T.J. Maxx parent TJX Cos., both of which reported bigger-than-expected increases.

Rate hike's silver lining

Opportunity to guard against payment shock

The modest quarter-point interest rate hike announced this week presents an opportunity to guard against payment shock as we ease into more expensive borrowing.

Rob Hafer, regional manager at mortgage brokerage Invis Inc., says homeowners with variable rate loans should think about putting extra cash, like an inheritance, tax refund or a work bonus directly toward their mortgage.

Another idea is to set payments at a higher rate than the current interest

35 The quarter-point interest rate hike amounts to about a \$35 increase in monthly payments for a \$250,000 mortgage with a 25-year amortization.

amount to pay down some of the principal. That way, when rates go up, borrowers won't have to kick in more of their income, instead, the amount toward the principal will fall.

Hafer said it's still a good time to consider taking a variable rate mortgage because rates are low and have a fair way to go before equalling the average five-year fixed rate.

And while borrowers might be focused on the effect of interest rate hikes on their debts, savers will benefit from increased interest rates as returns on GICs begin to improve.

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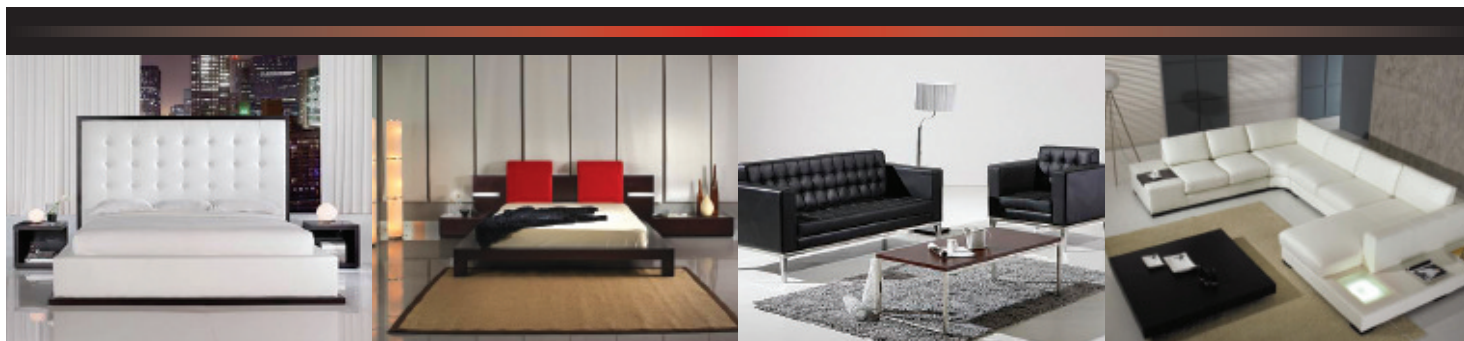
PROFIT Arbor Memorial Services Inc. has cited a 12.9 per cent increase in revenue as a major factor in the big improvement

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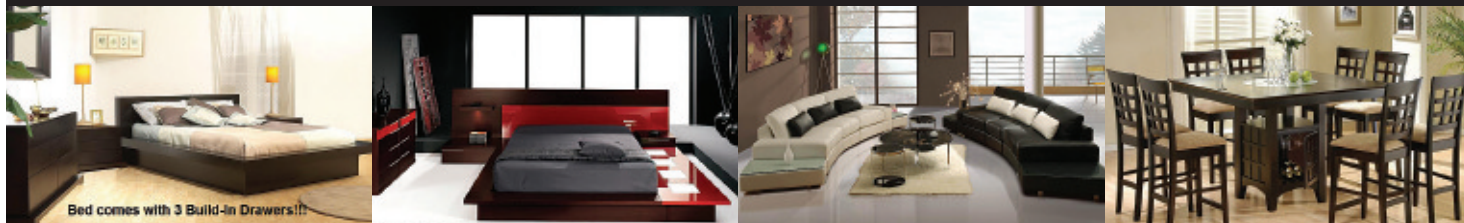


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Diamond company Harry Winston plans to nearly double stores

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Pension funds balk at Magna's shares plan

Two of Canada's biggest pension fund managers are opposing Magna International's plan to pay its founding family \$863 million US in cash and shares to give up their special

class of shares.

The Canada Pension Plan Investment Board and the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan said Thursday they will vote against the auto parts giant's proposal to do

away with the Stronach family's absolute control over the company.

"While in the short term it would meet one of our objectives, which is eliminate dual class share struc-

tures, the price that we and other shareholders would be asked to pay, in our view, is excessive," said David Denison, the CPP Investment Board's president and CEO.

Magna is seeking shareholder approval for a plan that would see the Stronach Trust, comprised of the Stronach family, trade its 726,829 class B multiple voting shares for

\$300 million in cash and nine million class A shares — for a total value of \$863 million. The proposal would see the company have a single class of shares. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Francesca Schiavone will play Samantha Stosur in Saturday's French Open final, the latest surprise in a week full of them at Roland Garros. The 17th-seeded Schiavone became the first Italian woman to reach a major final when opponent Elena Dementieva unexpectedly retired from their semifinal with a left calf injury after losing the first set Thursday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Sports



No summit, says Stern

There will be no free agency summit. So says NBA commissioner David Stern, claiming he has been assured at the "highest level" that there will be no sitdown among LeBron James, left, Dwyane Wade, Chris Bosh and the other superstars who could hit the market July 1. And that was the players' choice, he said, not an order from him.

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No plan to calm perfect storm

Baseball official says call that denied pitcher perfection won't be reversed

The imperfect game stands.

An umpire's tears and admission he blew a call failed to move baseball commissioner Bud Selig to award Armando Galarraga the perfect game he pitched. The play and its aftermath quickly became the talk of the sports world and beyond, even to the White House.

Selig said Thursday that Major League Baseball will look at expanded replay and umpiring, but didn't specifically address umpire Jim Joyce's botched call Wednesday night that cost Galarraga the perfect game — 27 batters up, 27 batters down. No hits, no walks, no errors.

A baseball official famil-

iar with the decision confirmed to The Associated Press that the call was not being reversed. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because that element was not included in Selig's statement.

Joyce said he erred on what would've been the final out in Detroit, when he called Cleveland's Jason Donald safe at first base. The umpire personally apologized to Galarraga and hugged him after the Tigers' 3-0 win, then took the field at Comerica Park Thursday in tears.

Tigers manager Jim Leyland picked Galarraga to present Detroit's lineup at home plate before Thursday's game to set up the meeting with Joyce. They



Home plate umpire Jim Joyce shakes hands with Detroit Tigers pitcher Armando Galarraga Thursday in Detroit.

shook hands, and the umpire gave the pitcher a pat on the shoulder.

"I didn't want this to be my 15 minutes of fame. I would have liked my 15 minutes to be a great call in the World Series. Hopefully, my 15 minutes are over now," Joyce said.

Bad calls are part of the mix in sports, witness the many mistakes last October in baseball's post-season. But something about this one — the chance to right a wrong, the heartfelt emotions of everyone involved — reached way past the lines.

"I've got to say we'll never see it again in our lifetime," New York Yankees manager Joe Girardi said.

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Sports in brief

GOLF Geoff Ogilvy dropped in to a three-way tie for the lead at the Memorial, giving up the outright lead by carelessly missing a par putt inside three feet. The consolation for Ogilvy was a 7-under 65 and a share of the lead Thursday with Rickie Fowler and Justin Rose.

SOCCER A Cornell University professor with a love for soccer has used math and statistics to predict Brazil will win soccer's World Cup. "Mathematically speaking, right now, Brazil has the best odds," Chris Anderson said.

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HNIC's MacLean involved in rescue

Hockey Night in Canada fixture Ron MacLean was part of a heroic river rescue in Philadelphia Thursday. MacLean was having lunch on a patio by the Delaware River with Don Cherry when a woman came in and said there was someone in the water. MacLean then jumped over a railing around the patio and went down to the river. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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More than just a hockey sweater

Field of Play

Scott Russell


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Canadian Tire Corporation is trying to repatriate one of the most significant artifacts in the history of Canada.

It's a hockey sweater.

Then again, it's not just any sweater. It's the jersey Paul Henderson was wearing when he scored the most famous goal in the annals of the game. It came with 34 seconds left in Moscow and sunk the Soviet Union in the fabled Summit Series of 1972.

We all know the story of the dramatic Canadian comeback and Henderson's heroics, which included three game-winning goals. That scenario has been etched onto the

Canadian consciousness for nearly 40 years.

Now Canadian Tire is trying to buy that sweater at an online auction and its opening bid of \$200,000 already makes it the most valuable hockey sweater ever. Canadian Tire wants to release the iconic fabric from the grip of an American, who now owns it, and make it available for all Canadians to see.

Here's the kicker — once the company is done with it, having exhausted its promotional value, it plans to put the garment on long-term loan to a museum, presumably the Hockey Hall of Fame.

The Canadian government, through the Ministry of Heritage, has hinted it may aid in the process if it looks like internationals are winning the bidding. Sounds like a plan.

Ironically, Paul Henderson, the man who wore the sweater and was somehow magically empowered

by it, is not a member of the Hockey Hall of Fame. He is a member of Canada's Sports Hall of Fame and is the honorary chair of the Mississauga Sports Hall of Fame, where he presided over inductions this week.

Strange because the man he scored that goal

against, Vladislav Tretiak, is enshrined in hockey's greatest museum. So why isn't Henderson?

Critics will argue that he didn't win a Stanley Cup and didn't score enough goals in his career in the National Hockey League.

But it isn't called the "NHL Hall of Fame," it's

the "Hockey Hall of Fame" and Henderson's name is synonymous with hockey's most famous act.

He scored the goal, not the sweater.

Surely we no longer believe that clothes make the man.

Maybe it's time to not only bring this famous

hockey sweater home, but also to recognize that the player who wore it is the real national treasure.

Gemini Award winner and author Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. A 20-year CBC Sports veteran, he has covered a variety of professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

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Canadian Daniel Nestor has advanced to his third French Open doubles final in four years. The 37-year-old Toronto left-hander and Serbian partner Nenad Zimonjic defeated South African Wesley Moodie and Belgian Dick Norman 6-0, 6-3 in Thursday's semifinal. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Lakers draw first blood

Celtics' vaunted defence fails to perform

(L.A. Lakers lead series 1-0)

Celtics 89 Lakers 102



The team that used to do the pushing turned into pushovers.

The guys in green couldn't take nearly as well as they gave two years ago, and if they don't regain their toughness, the Boston Celtics might quickly be shoved right off the NBA finals stage.

The Celtics were dominated in the paint, the area they usually control,

sending them to a 102-89 loss to the Los Angeles Lakers on Thursday in Game 1.

The stats were stunning: The Lakers outrebounded the Celtics 42-31 and had a 48-30 advantage in points in the paint. Second-chance points were 16-0.

It was a surprising collapse for a team that seemed to rediscover the rugged defence it rode to a victory over the Lakers in 2008 for its 17th NBA title.

Kevin Garnett, the leader of that defence, didn't grab his second rebound until the fourth

quarter — and it turned into a botched follow dunk attempt that was blocked by the rim. Center Kendrick Perkins finished with only three boards, and the Celtics' duo up front was badly outplayed by the Lakers' tandem of Pau Gasol and Andrew Bynum.

In the third quarter, Gasol followed his own shot attempt by batting the ball off the backboard to keep it alive, then regaining it and scoring. Two years ago, the Celtics either would've come up with the ball, or knocked Gasol on his back.

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Los Angeles Lakers centre Andrew Bynum dunks against Boston Celtics forward Glen Davis on Thursday night.

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Norway ties Canada

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Spezza wants to stay put

Senators forward Jason Spezza has dismissed speculation he wants to leave the NHL team, telling reporters Thursday he's happy in Ottawa.

Rumours of the 26-year-old's discontent have swirled around Ottawa since the Pittsburgh Penguins knocked the Senators from the first round of the playoffs in April. Spezza, who drew fire from fans for his performance in the post-season, has a no-trade clause that kicks in July 1.

"I don't have a no-trade now, so if they trade you, then you get traded," Spezza

said. "Obviously, I've signed there, so I'm happy to be there. And we're looking forward to the future."

Spezza, who signed a seven-year contract extension reportedly worth \$49 million US in 2007, has already held at least one meeting with Senators general manager Bryan Murray.

"I had a good conversation with Bryan," Spezza said. "(I'm) trying to keep the conversation between the two of us. There's al-



Jason Spezza

ways things to talk about at the end of the year — just kind of airing out what I thought, and what he thought."

While making an appearance in Toronto to promote a charitable endeavour to help underprivileged children play hockey, Spezza was asked, point-blank: "Do you want to go back to the Ottawa Senators?"

"Yeah," he said, stammering before a media relations attaché ended the line of questioning.

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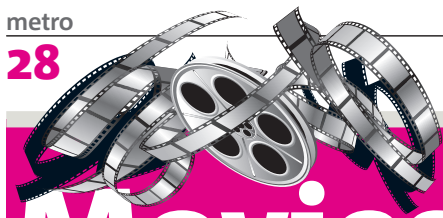


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Laugh-fest with heart

Get Him to the Greek

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Classification: 14A
Rating: ●●●●½

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Just as comedy sage Judd Apatow made stars out of unlikely actors Seth Rogen and Jason Segel with respective hits, *Get Him to the Greek* aims to turn Russell Brand and plummy Jonah Hill into Hollywood's latest A-listers.

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Marshall's Aldous Snow character) anchors gross-out gags by giving the bedlam a heart.

When eager Aaron is given a big corporate opportunity to escort the re-lapsing rocker to America for a comeback concert at Hollywood's Greek Theatre, the young exec is dragged into Snow's late-night binges, spontaneous side-trips and the type of rabid partying that may recall lost memories from last summer's surprise hit *The Hangover*.

Like that film, *Greek* is a juxtapositional experience allowing audiences a peek behind the curtain at, not



Jonah Hill and Russell Brand dish out some raunchy humour in *Get Him to the Greek*.

only the hedonism of the rock 'n' roll lifestyle (especially while in Vegas), but the emptiness that often accompanies it.

Showing some interesting dramatic depth, Brand's Snow remains

charming enough even while he slips Aaron a potent medicinal cocktail or badgers him to shove a ball of contraband someplace it really shouldn't go.

As the film wears on, we soon realize there's motive

to the mayhem.

Surprisingly however, the real scene-stealer is Sean "P. Diddy" Coombs, who plays the maniacal CEO who sends Aaron on his mission.

Whenever he appears

(and it is too infrequent), the proceedings amp up to 11.

Toss in several obscure cameo appearances (Ricky Schroeder) and you may just want to get yourself to the Greek.



The Thank You Girls explores a group of Filipino drag queens.

The Thank You Girls

Director: Charliebebs Gohetia
Stars: Jeff Salonga, Pidot Villocino
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●

PHIL BROWN
 for Metro Canada

REVIEW If you've ever dreamed about going on a cramped road trip with a collection of Filipino drag queens, then *The Thank You Girls* is the film for you. Writer/director Charliebebs Gohetia's cross-

ressing road movie offers that experience and little else.

The film certainly feels authentic, but it has no real point or message beyond the authenticity.

Sure, we get to experience all of the surreal humour and inevitable pathos associated with that world, but ultimately there's nothing in the movie that wasn't explored before and more effectively in films like *The Adventures Of Priscilla, Queen Of The Desert* or the remarkable documentary *Paris Is Burning*.

The film follows a group of six dysfunctional drag queen beauty pageant veterans as they travel on a bus across the Philippines to appear in variety of competitions.

They rarely win, so the running time is dedicated to listening to the characters speak openly and honestly about their lifestyle, while occasionally running into trouble with less than hospitable locals.

There isn't much of a plot in the movie and barely any visible character development. Instead the

cameras merely let the actors revel in their characters through expended improv sessions.

The cast is pretty impressive, and if they aren't actually part of drag queen community already, they should consider a side career.

Charliebebs Gohetia's portrait of a culture ripe for parody is refreshingly honest and non-judgmental. The problem is just that many other filmmakers have explored this territory before and he doesn't really have anything new to say.

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Two new projects for Mendes

Sam Mendes is keeping busy. The Revolutionary Road director is set to helm a stage musical based on Charlie And The Chocolate Factory and a film adaptation of Ian MacEwan's novel On Chesil Beach. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Who let the dog out?

Marmaduke

Director: Tom Dey

Stars: Owen Wilson

Classification: G

Rating: Ⓜ

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Based on the well-worn newspaper comic strip about a mischievous Great Dane, the big-screen version of Marmaduke feels just as played out as the 56-year-old cartoon.

Perhaps its because we've seen the combina-

tion of computer effects and live action used to make every animal short of a hagfish appear to talk on film.

But more likely, it's because Marmaduke feels so much like another cartoon-turned-family flick: Garfield.

Not surprisingly then that the two films share at least one producer responsible for bringing the characters to cinematic life.

Presumably aimed at toddlers, Marmaduke tells the banal story of the Winslows, a suburban family that relocates to

California with their oversized mutt (voiced by Owen Wilson) in order for neglectful (but not really) patriarch Phil to capitalize on a new opportunity.

While Phil begins his new gig for an organic pet food company, Marmaduke discovers that the canine playground he frequents is "like high school for dogs." No kidding.

The big mutt struggles for approval amongst the cliquy pups only to discover that being "top dog" isn't all its cracked up to be.

While the story is ele-

mentary at best and the more involved animation routine amongst other contemporary family fare, many younger kiddies will still giggle at seeing Marmaduke surf or hear the mutt's affable voice — even if Wilson's read is as bland as day-old kibble.

However, most depreciating is that Marmaduke is such a forgettable, mass-produced money-grab aimed at capitalizing on the familiar brand of an American-syndicated icon.

The real concern for producers should've been — who even reads Mar-



Owen Wilson voices the Great Dane Marmaduke.

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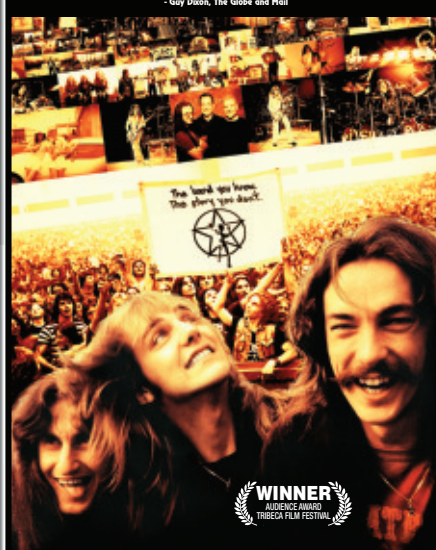
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Since her role as Hit Girl in Kick-Ass, Chloe Moretz has become quite the in-demand actress. Having landed one of the leads in Martin Scorsese's *The Invention Of Hugo Cabret*, Moretz has now signed up for the indie drama *Hick*. EMPIREONLINE.COM

Splice triumphant monster mash

Splice

Director: Vincenzo Natali

Stars: Sarah Polley, Adrien Brody

Classification: 18A

Rating: ⓈⓈⓈⓈ

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

Drawing obvious thematic and stylistic comparisons to the work of Canadian body horror icon David Cronenberg, fellow Canuck Vincenzo Natali's *Splice* is a triumph of psychosexual science fiction.

Like the best of Cronenberg (*Videodrome*, *The Brood*, *Shivers*), the film manages to explore high-minded concepts of mad science and technology run amok while grounding them in warm, earthy — some might say uniquely Canadian — humanity.

But despite its highbrow pretensions, *Splice* is also filled to the beaker with buckets of pulp trash mayhem; genre fans looking to wallow in blood-spattered



Adrien Brody and Canadian actress Sarah Polley play modern-day Frankens in the sci-fi/horror film *Splice*.

camp will be more than a bit thrilled.

Adrien Brody and Sarah Polley play lover geneticists who, after becoming scientist rock stars from

creating DNA fused life-forms, decide to blend human and animal genes for kicks and curiosity.

The resulting beastie is Dren, a tadpole-by-way of

H.R. Giger-esque female that becomes their surrogate child and potentially career derailing secret. But as the rapidly aging Dren (played in adult form by

French starlet Delphine Cheneac) grows into womanhood, many changes — most of them more lethal than hormonal — take effect and their once treas-

ured 'daughter' becomes a sexually volatile siren from test-tube hell.

While ostensibly a creature feature (Dren's metamorphosis goes from adorable to repellent, just like many a human lifespan), the greatest strength of *Splice* is its deft fast forwarding of the parenthood experience.

Brody and Polley are excellent, running the arc of proud mom and pop, to concerned guardians, to ultimately losing touch and fearing their offspring.

If the film has a few pacing flaws (there are perhaps one too many extended sequences of Cheneac throwing a fit), *Splice* is just so blazingly weird, so perverse and compelling that you should forgive it any trespasses.

With any luck, this intelligent, delightfully deranged monster mash will be the one that propels the incredibly talented Natali from cult hero to sci-fi saviour.

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Land

Director: Julian Pinder

Classification: STC

Rating: ⓈⓈⓈⓈ

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada



The documentary Land takes on real estate issues in Nicaragua.

It has been said that the three most important words in real estate are "location, location, location."

That thesis is borne out, in ways both tense and amusing, in Toronto-based filmmaker Julian Pinder's new documentary Land, which focuses on Nicaragua's Pacific coast and the bold — or is that foolish? — efforts of American developers to erect luxury housing projects and resorts on historically blood-soaked terrain.

Pinder, who apprenticed under the master Canadian documentarian Jennifer Baichwal, spent several years shooting in Nicaragua, slyly drawing parallels between the mercenary activities of these American expatriates and

the imperialist incursions of the 1980s.

What begins as a rather cleanly sketched tale of exploited indigenous workers in a country with a lamentable history of land rights violations assumes an even deeper — and more frightening — dimension with the 2007 election of former Sandinista leader Daniel Ortega to the Nicaraguan presidency.

Ortega's re-emergence destabilizes an already

frayed society, and the film's American subjects — previously portrayed as at best naïve and at worst as profiteers — are rendered sympathetic in the face of threats of violence.

It's a complicated situation, and while Pinder's style doesn't always opt for subtlety — like when a discussion of economic inequality is overlaid onto footage of fish being brutally gutted — he paces and shapes the material like a pro.

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InFocus

Richard Crouse

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Director Vincenzo Natali doesn't just make sci-fi movies, he's also a fan. "True science fiction is about ideas. It's a mirror that reflects on the present," he says.

His latest film, *Splice*, starring Sarah Polley and Adrien Brody as scientists who create a mutant child — think *Frankenstein* spliced with *Mommie Dearest* — has echoes of a recent news story about scientists creating the first self-replicating synthetic life form.

"It's amazing how the

science evolved parallel with the script," he says.

So who better to recommend a list of must-see sci-fi flicks? "I could mention 2001, *Star Wars* and *The Matrix*, but we've all been there," he says, adding "I think there are some very worthy science fiction films that aren't so well known."

First on his list is *Stalker* from master director Andrei Tarkovsky.

"It's about a zone in Russia that may have had some kind of alien visitation and is highly classified. There are very special people called stalkers who illegally enter the zone and can take you to a place where your wishes can come true.

"No other movie ever made is quite like it. It is one of the most beautiful films I've ever seen."

Next up is *The 10th Victim*, a futuristic Marcello Mastroianni movie about a



Splice director Vincenzo Natali says *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* (starring Jim Carrey and Kate Winslet) is not as well known as it deserves to be.

deadly televised game called *The Big Hunt* which becomes a replacement for all conflict on Earth, but at what cost?

"An Italian film made in

the '60s but way ahead of its time," he says.

"It's a satirical comedy, absolutely brilliantly made, filled with cool futuristic Italian design and

it's really funny. I cannot recommend it enough."

Third is the animated *La Planète Sauvage*. "It takes place on a planet where humans are pets for a race

of large aliens. It's a kind of a *Spartacus* story against the aliens. Totally outrageous and very, very '70s."

In the fourth spot is *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*, the Jim Carrey movie Natali says is "not as well known as it deserves to be."

"Definitely a film about ideas and definitely also a science fiction film. A very emotional film; a masterpiece."

Lastly, it's a double bill from Japanese director Kinji Fukasaku.

Battle Royale, Natali says, is "outrageously violent" while *The Green Slime* is "total cheese but actually predates *Alien* as a story of a spaceship that is infected by an alien life form. It's lots of fun."

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Movie morsels

Iron Man 2

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REVIEW *Iron Man 2* opens not with a bang but with a whimper, as Mickey Rourke's Ivan Vanko — later to become villain Whiplash, weeps over his dying father in a cluttered Moscow apartment. It's a big risk for an action tentpole, but one a filmmaker like Jon Favreau can make riding a wave of goodwill after the franchise's critically and commercially successful first chapter two years ago. Unfortunately, Favreau and company spend the next two hours squandering all that good will. The film's primary problem is that it sidelines its main hero and villain, both Stark

and Whiplash sequestered in their labs tinkering while supporting characters carry on without them.

Ned Ehrbar/Metro World News

Letters to Juliet

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REVIEW Amanda Seyfried's everywhere these days. From *Big Love* to a slew of recent films, the doe-eyed blond, who is as ubiquitous as she is unconventionally beautiful, has tackled a range of roles. *Letters to Juliet*'s Sophie is worlds away from the titular character in *Chloe* or as Needy in *Jennifer's Body*. Even if her choices seem odd, there's no denying the girl is skilled. As for Vanessa Redgrave, her presence ele-

vates any film. She is the heart and soul of *Letters*, able to convey meaning with the slightest gesture. The film is straight-up eye candy, shot in Tuscany with its gorgeous tapestry of sensuality, golden light, food and wine. But a few clunky lines that don't belong break the intended spell with a thud.

Anne Brodie/For Metro Canada

Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time

REVIEW If anyone should see *Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time*, it's the folks behind the recent *Clash of the Titans* remake. In it they'd find a prime example of what their effects-heavy swords-and-sandals

adventure was missing: A sense of fun. In his first foray into action hero territory, Jake Gyllenhaal digs into the role of adopted Persian royal Dastan with gusto, working just as hard at his character's rakish charm as he does at the building-leaping stunt work. The real appeal here are the set pieces, with thrilling rooftop chases and tense battles. While the film may stumble a bit in the clumsy resolution, it's still exactly what a good summer movie should be.

Ned Ehrbar/Metro World News

Robin Hood

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REVIEW The lore of Robin Hood is so ingrained in

minds that trying to produce a story that essentially imagines how he became who he became is remarkably redundant. Filmmaker Ridley Scott teams up with Russell Crowe for the fifth time to reawaken this character but beyond a few flashy action sequences which may be impressive but are far from mind-blowing. Crowe and Cate Blanchett have the Oscar-winning acting chops to breathe life into this blockbuster blueprint. In the end however, this Robin Hood may not "rob from the rich and give to the poor," but after emptying your wallet at the box office, you may just wish it did.

Steve Gow/For Metro Canada

Sex and the City 2

REVIEW At over 140 minutes, this bloated, self-indulgent flick may fulfill a few fantasies but as a film, it's uninspired. Set two years after Carrie's (Sarah Jessica Parker) marriage in the first film, the Manhattan-based novelist becomes disillusioned by the fact Big (Chris Noth) is settling into domestic life. How fortunate then that she and the girls are invited by perpetual floozy Samantha (Kim Cattrall) on a trip to Abu Dhabi to reflect on their respective crises through cocktails, shopping and occasionally offending the locals with unwelcome acts of sexual freedom.

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Marmaduke (G) No Passes Fri 4:50-7:10-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:20-4:50-7:10-9:40 No Passes Mon-Thru 4:50-7:10-9:40
Micromax (14A) Fri 4:45-7:45-10:45 Sat-Sun 1:4-6:45-9:20 Mon-Thru 4-6:45-9:20
Rajneeti (STC) Fri 5:9 Sat-Sun 12:50-5:9 Mon-Thru 4:20-8:30
Robin Hood (PG) Fri 3:30-7:10-10:10 Sat-Sun 12:30-7:10-10:10 Mon-Thru 3:30-7:10-10:10
The Secret in Their Eyes (14A) Fri 3:50-6:50-10 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:50-6:50-10 Mon-Thru 3:50-6:50-10
Splice (18A) Fri 4:40-7:30-10:15 Sat 1:50-4:40-7:30-10:15 Sun 1:50-4:40-7:30-9:55 Mon-Thru 4:40-7:30-9:55

EMPRESS WALK
5095 Yonge St., 416-223-9550

Get Him to The Greek (14A) Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Sat 12:40-2:30-3:10-5:50-7:45-8:45-10:15-11:15 Stadium Seating, No Passes Sun 12:40-2:30-3:10-5:50-7:45-8:45-10:15 Stadium Seating, No Passes Mon-Thru 4:40-7:40-10:40 Stadium Seating, No Passes Mon-Thru 4:40-7:40-10:40
Sex and the City 2 (18A) Stadium Seating Fri-Sat 1:2-4:15-5:10-7:30-8:30-10:45-11:40 Stadium Seating Sun 1:2-4:15-5:10-7:30-8:30-10:45 Stadium Seating Mon-Thru 4:15-5:10-7:30-8:30-10:45
Shrek Forever After 3D (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Sat 12:45-2:20-3:15-4:40-5:40-7:10-8:15-9:30-10:30-11:30 Stadium Seating Sun 12:45-2:20-3:15-4:40-5:40-7:10-8:15-9:30-10:30 Stadium Seating Mon-Thru 4:40-5:40-7:10-8:15-9:30-10:30

SILVERCITY YORKDALE
3401 Dufferin St., 416-444-3456

Get Him to The Greek (14A) No Passes Fri-Thru 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20
Iron Man 2 (PG) Fri-Thru 12:15-3:10-6:10-9:10
Killers (PG) Fri-Thru 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:45
Marmaduke (G) No Passes Fri-Thru 12:30-5:30-8:30
Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time (PG) No Passes Fri-Thru 12:10-1:4-6:45-7:15-10:15
Sex and the City 2 (18A) No Passes Fri-Thru 12:3-3:30-6:40-10:30

Shrek Forever After 3D (PG) Fri-Thru 12:40-1:30-3:40-6:30-7:10-9:10-10:50
Splice (18A) Fri-Thru 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:25

SILVERCITY FAIRVIEW
1800 Sheppard Ave. E., 416-644-7746

Get Him to The Greek (14A) No Passes Fri-Thru 1:10-4:10-7:10
Iron Man 2 (PG) Fri-Thru 12:30-3:40-6:40-9:30
Killers (PG) Fri-Thru 12:30-3:40-6:40-9:30
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Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time

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Sex and the City 2 (18A) No Passes Fri-Thru 12:10-3:30-7:10-10:30
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Splice (18A) Fri-Thru 1:30-4:30-7:15-10:20

SCARBOROUGH

COLISEUM SCARBOROUGH
300 Borough Dr., 416-290-5217

Death at a Funeral (14A) Fri-Wed 12:40-3:35-6:25-9:30 Thu 12:40-3:35-9:40
Get Him to The Greek (14A) No Passes Fri-Thru 12:50-1:20-3:50-4:20-6:50-7:20-9:50-10:15
How to Train Your Dragon 3D (PG) Fri-Thru 12:25-3:25-6:20-9:15
Iron Man 2 (PG) Fri-Thru 12:35-4:15-7:15-10:05
Just Wright (PG) Fri-Thru 12:45-6:45
Killers (PG) Fri-Thru 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10
A Nightmare on Elm Street (18A) Fri-Thru 3:45-9:55
Robin Hood (PG) Fri-Thru 1:05-4:15-7:25-10:20
Sex and the City 2 (18A) No Passes Fri-Thru 12:30-2:30-4:40-6:15-7:45-10:30
Singam (PG) Fri-Thru 2:10-6:10-10:10
Splice (18A) Fri-Thru 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:25

EGLINTON TOWN CENTRE
1901 Eglinton Ave. E., 416-752-4494

Get Him to The Greek (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:50-1:50-3:45-4:45-6:50-7:40-9:30-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thru 3:45-4:45-6:50-7:40-9:30

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WOODSIDE CINEMAS
1571 Sandhurst Circle, 416-299-3456

Kites (PG) Fri 4:30-7:10-10:30 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:30-7:10-10:30 Mon-Thru 3:30-6:30-9:30
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6:15-7:10-8:45-9:30
Splice (18A) Fri-Sun 2:15-4:50-7:50-10:25 Mon-Thru 5:35-10:05

KENNEDY COMMONS 20
33 William Kitchen Rd., 416-335-5323

Babies (G) Fri 3:50-5:50-7:50-9:50 Sat-Sun 11:50-1:50-3:50-5:50-7:50-9:50 Mon-Thru 3:50-5:50-7:50-9:50
Date Night (14A) Fri 3:25-5:45-8:10-10:15 Sat-Sun 11:05-1:15-3:25-5:45-8:10-10:15 Mon-Thru 3:25-5:45-8:10-10:15
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (18A) Fri 3:20-6:35-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:05-3:20-6:35-9:50 Mon-Thru 3:20-6:35-9:50
Harry Brown (18A) Fri 2:10-4:35-7:25-9:25 Sat-Sun 11:45-2:10-4:35-7:25-9:25 Mon-Thru 2:10-4:35-7:25-9:25
Kick-Ass (18A) Fri 2:40-7:30-10:15 Sat-Sun 11:15-2:40-7:30-10:15 Mon-Thru 2:40-7:30-10:15
Kites (PG) Fri 3:30-6:30-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30 Mon-Thru 3:30-6:30-9:30
Letters to Juliet (PG) Fri 2:30-5:05-7:30-10:05 Sat-Sun 12:20-3:05-5:05-7:30-10:05 Mon-Thru 2:30-5:05-7:30-10:05
Mao's Last Dancer (PG) Fri 2:05-4:45-7:25-10:05 Sat-Sun 11:25-2:05-4:45-7:25-10:05 Mon-Thru 2:05-4:45-7:25-10:05
Marmaduke (G) Special Engagement Fri 2:50-3:35-5:45-7:05-9:15-10:15 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:10-12:45-1:25-2:50-3:35-5:45-7:05-9:15-10:15 Special Engagement Mon-Thru 2:50-3:35-5:45-7:05-9:15-10:15
Micromax (14A) SDOS Digital, Special Engagement Fri 2:50-5:15-7:45-10:10 SDOS Digital, Special Engagement Mon-Thru 2:50-5:15-7:45-10:10
Oceans (PG) Fri 3:25-5:30-7:40-9:45 Sat-Sun 11:10-1:15-3:25-5:30-7:40-9:45 Mon-Thru 3:25-5:30-7:40-9:45
Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time (PG) Special Engagement Fri 2:3-4:5-6:7-8-9-10 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:24-2:3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10 Mon-Thru 2:3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10
Rajneeti (STC) Special Engagement Fri-Thru 2:5-40-9:20
Shrek Forever After (PG) Fri 1:30-3:40-6-6:30-8:30-9:30 Sat-Sun 11:1-1:30-3:40-6-6:30-8:30-9:30 Mon-Thru 1:30-3:40-6-6:30-8:30-9:30
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KENNEDY COMMONS 20
33 William Kitchen Rd., 416-335-5323

Babies (G) Fri 3:50-5:50-7:50-9:50 Sat-Sun 11:50-1:50-3:50-5:50-7:50-9:50 Mon-Thru 3:50-5:50-7:50-9:50
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The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (18A) Fri 3:20-6:35-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:05-3:20-6:35-9:50 Mon-Thru 3:20-6:35-9:50
Harry Brown (18A) Fri 2:10-4:35-7:25-9:25 Sat-Sun 11:45-2:10-4:35-7:25-9:25 Mon-Thru 2:10-4:35-7:25-9:25
Kick-Ass (18A) Fri 2:40-7:30-10:15 Sat-Sun 11:15-2:40-7:30-10:15 Mon-Thru 2:40-7:30-10:15
Kites (PG) Fri 3:30-6:30-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30 Mon-Thru 3:30-6:30-9:30
Letters to Juliet (PG) Fri 2:30-5:05-7:30-10:05 Sat-Sun 12:20-3:05-5:05-7:30-10:05 Mon-Thru 2:30-5:05-7:30-10:05
Mao's Last Dancer (PG) Fri 2:05-4:45-7:25-10:05 Sat-Sun 11:25-2:05-4:45-7:25-10:05 Mon-Thru 2:05-4:45-7:25-10:05
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Rajneeti (STC) Special Engagement Fri-Thru 2:5-40-9:20
Shrek Forever After (PG) Fri 1:30-3:40-6-6:30-8:30-9:30 Sat-Sun 11:1-1:30-3:40-6-6:30-8:30-9:30 Mon-Thru 1:30-3:40-6-6:30-8:30-9:30
Shrek Forever After 3D (PG) Fri 2:15-2:45-4:45-5:15-7:15-7:45-9:45-10:15 Sat-Sun 11:45-12:15-2:15-2:45-4:45-5:15-7:15-7:45-9:45-10:15 Mon-Thru 2:15-2:45-4:45-5:15-7:15-7:45-9:45-10:15

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Kick-Ass (18A) Fri 2:40-7:30-10:15 Sat-Sun 11:15-2:40-7:30-10:15 Mon-Thru 2:40-7:30-10:15
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Kick-Ass (18A) Fri 2:40-7:3

Top albums on the Billboard 200

1. Glee: The Music, Volume 3: Showstoppers, Glee Cast; 2. Stone Temple Pilots, Stone Temple Pilots; 3. My World 2.0, Justin Bieber; 4. Need You Now, Lady Antebellum; 5. Raymond V Raymond, Usher. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Music

National storms the charts

Indie act finds success on both sides of the border

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One week after learning his band's new album became the second and third best-selling in Canada and the U.S., respectively, drummer Bryan Devendorf is still at a loss for words.

"It's weird," he says. "We're definitely not a mainstream band that would be thought of on the same level as Justin Bieber."

As he's quick to point out, the new National album, *High Violet*, did slip a number of spots in its second week of release, but Devendorf and his bandmates have a lot to celebrate after more than a decade together.

The indie band's profile has seen a significant rise over the course of five critically acclaimed albums. Their last, 2007's *Boxer*, was unavoidable in the music press and on television, where its songs graced every show from

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Bryan Devendorf

Chuck and Gossip Girl to Barack Obama's campaign video. Despite this exposure, Devendorf still feels The National benefit most from grassroots exposure.

"It's word of mouth, but also with that encompasses the Internet, which helps," he explains. "It could also be just perseverance, we've been doing this for ten years now. It's like in politics, you hang around long enough and then you can run for President."

Like any wise politician, The National haven't changed many policies in the last decade. Meticulously co-produced with Peter Katis (Jónsi, Interpol), *High Violet* stays true



Brooklyn-based indie act The National has seen a significant rise in its profile over the course of five critically acclaimed albums.

to the Brooklyn band's dependable model of evocative and forlorn rock. Yes, they still sound depressed, a description that follows them like a bad smell.

"People bring their own interpretations — they might be depressed themselves or they might identify with elements," Devendorf says. "There is a lot of accuracy to that. But

it's also depressive in how black humour can be depressive, it's not maudlin. It's humorously depressive."

Devendorf feels the mood and sound of the album may not sound like a big stretch from *Boxer* but it wasn't planned that way. "While it's still kind of orchestral and lush, the album is a little more

straightforward and the core songwriting is simpler.

"We produce ourselves along with Peter Katis, so it's kind of this team that does a similar thing," he adds. "We were trying to do something different. We have this sort of tic where the songs all start smoldering into this peak and become an epic thing.

I think we might just try to write songs that don't have verses and choruses. At least we say we will, but we probably actually won."

In Concert

• The National play a pair of shows at Massey Hall on Tuesday and Wednesday.

TOP 10 RINGTONES

1. Can't Be Tamed, Miley Cyrus
2. Airplanes, B.o.B. & Hayley
3. Your Love Is My Drug, Keshia
4. OMG, Usher
5. Thunderstruck, AC/DC
6. Wavin' Flag, Artists for Haiti
7. Winner, Jamie Foxx
8. Rude Boy, Rihanna
9. Find Your Love, Drake
10. Not Afraid, Eminem

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ROGERS

Developer gets death threats for Bieber blocker

APPS No one could ever accuse Justin Bieber fans of not being passionate in their feelings about the teen pop star.

Just ask New York web developer Greg Leuch.

He's been getting death threats and has been compared to Hitler for designing an application that blocks all mentions of Justin Bieber from a user's computer browser.

The application can be downloaded as a Firefox plug-in or added to a browser blocks the words "Bieber," "Justin Bieber" and any photos that have file names containing those words.

But Leuch tells CTV News he designed the application not because he dislikes the native of Stratford, Ont.

He says he designed it

because a co-worker asked him to help him rid Bieber from his online search results.

Leuch posted the application to a free technology website — and that's when the hate mail started pouring in from around the world.

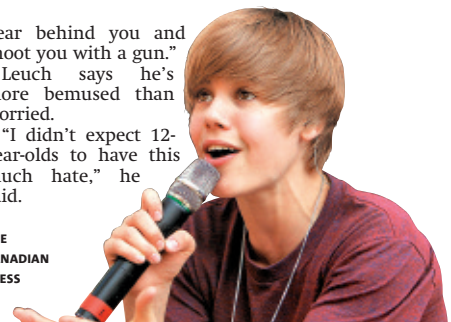
One fan wrote, "I know many things about you and I know where you live. Just be aware I might ap-

pear behind you and shoot you with a gun."

Leuch says he's more bemused than worried.

"I didn't expect 12-year-olds to have this much hate," he said.

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Say It is the new album from Born Ruffians.

Say what?

Born Ruffians learn to speak their minds to resolve issues

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A lot has happened to Toronto's Born Ruffians in the two years since they dropped their debut album, but Luke Lalonde refuses to compare his band's communication breakdown to the one Metallica famously documented in its film *Some Kind of Monster*.

"The fact that they would go to a therapist and couldn't just work things out, that s— is hilarious," singer/guitarist says with laughter. "Their issues were bulls—! We just talked to each other. It just helped for someone to say what the problems were. It was nice to talk about everything."

After drummer Steve Hamelin gave up on touring with the band, Lalonde and bassist Mitch Derosier were left to rebuild. Hamelin stayed on to record, but was replaced by Ahmed Gallab for a Franz Ferdinand tour, which also saw the addition of now full-time multi-instrumentalist Andy Lloyd.

"We said, 'Let's finish this and keep our sound as a band. Then play it by ear,'" explains Lalonde. "After we finished recording, Steve told us he wanted to give it another try. The timing was perfect because Ahmed was moving on to work with Yeasayer and we needed to find another drummer."

The title of the sprightly indie rockers' new album *Say It* is a reference to their new philosophy to speak their minds. "A lot of the air had been cleared of

"It just helped for someone to say what the problems were. It was nice to talk about everything."

Luke Lalonde

those things that built up over time but were really nothing," Lalonde admits. "Things were just a little more chilled out, which was really reflected the songwriting."

Say It isn't just more chilled, it's also a giant mature leap from the youthful exuberance of 2008's *Red Yellow and Blue*. The band has ripened and stripped down their arrangements, losing the vigorous, trademark group chants and those blatant left turns that were often a "make or break" scenario for listeners.

"We used to do that intentionally," Lalonde says of their spontaneous melodic disruptions. "We wanted to subvert the obvious and make people perk up. This record we actually said out loud, 'Let's do what feels like the pop thing to do.' Ultimately that's more fun. But I'm learning that maybe we're doomed to become that kind of FM radio band."

Part of the fun included Lalonde giving *Say It* some sax appeal. "It's only prominent on one song, and we scaled the others back as more of a textural thing. Initially I wanted — I'm not joking — a straight-up, rock sax solo. It never worked out. I think it would have been on the wrong side of good taste."

A rebuttal to Rolling Stone

SoundCheck

Alan Cross

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The top two songs on Rolling Stone's list of the 500 Greatest Songs of All Time mention "Rolling Stone." Bob Dylan's Like a Rolling Stone tops the list.

Last week, Rolling Stone, trotted out another of its 500 Greatest Songs of All Time lists. The list is suspiciously similar (and for some stretches — including the top 10 — completely identical) to a list issued in December 2004.

If you haven't seen it yet, I'll save you the trouble. Here's the top five: 1. Like a Rolling Stone, Bob Dylan; 2. (I Can't Get No) Satisfaction/Rolling Stones (Hm. The top two songs mention "Rolling Stone"; 3. Imagine, John Lennon; 4. What's Going On, Marvin Gaye; and 5. Respect, Aretha Franklin.

Without question, these are fine songs. But in Rolling Stone's view — a magazine mired in the '60s and '70s — no one has been able to write a better rock song since John Lennon woke up one morning and plunked out Imagine before breakfast. That was 39 years ago. Even Homer Simpson was more progressive (Everyone knows that rock attained perfection in 1974!).

The most recent song is Nirvana's Smells Like Teen Spirit at No. 9. The rest of the list is dominated by the usual RS suspects: The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan, Elvis Presley and The Beach Boys.

If I were King of the Lists, my top 10 would be substantially more ecumenical. I'd include One from U2 (RS has it at No. 36), Sweet Child O' Mine by Guns 'N Roses (No. 198),

Radiohead's Fake Plastic Trees (No. 385) and Killing in the Name Of/Rage Against the Machine — which inexplicably didn't even make the cut, apparently so that 99 Problems by Jay-Z and Do Ya Think I'm Sexy from Rod Stewart could.

I'd also make sure that London Calling from the Clash (RS's No. 15) and the Sex Pistols' Anarchy in the UK (No. 56) was in there, too. Zeppelin's Kashmir should surely rank higher than No. 141. There's no way you can't have Bob Marley's Get Up, Stand Up in any top 10, yet RS thinks it's worth just No. 302. And Nirvana can stay in the top 10. I might even argue for some White Stripes.

And my No. 1? I've long maintained that the greatest rock song of all time is Won't Get Fooled Again by The Who. Timeless social/political commentary? Check. Energy quotient? Off the charts. Awesome scream? Maybe the best ever recorded. Does it still sound fresh? Absolutely. And where does Rolling Stone rank it? No. 134. Please.

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McCartney to play Toronto

CONCERTS Paul McCartney has announced two Canadian summer stops on his upcoming tour.

The 67-year-old rocker will play August dates in Montreal and Toronto as part of his tour, which kicks off July 15 in Denver.

He'll play the Air Canada Centre on Aug. 8 and the Bell Centre on Aug. 12.

His last Canadian per-



McCartney

formance was back in July 2009, when he played in Halifax.

McCartney's last record of new material as a solo artist was 2007's Memory Almost Full, which was certified gold in Canada.

The rocker became the first non-American to win the Library of Congress' Gershwin Prize for Popular Song on Wednesday.

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New baby, loss of father fuel Jack Johnson album

ALBUMS When Jack Johnson came off a tour with tales about life on the road, his father wasn't interested in hearing about the celebrities he'd met or the fancy rock-star perks. Instead, he'd ask about the sights Johnson saw in Paris, or how the waves were in Australia.

"All he ever wanted to hear about was the days off or if we went on a hike or something like that," recalled Johnson. "He was more interested in seeing me do adventures that had nothing to do with being in front of people."

The 35-year-old Johnson — already known as perhaps the most laid-back, mellow rocker on Earth — is less interested in the pop world's pomp and circumstance since the death of his father, Jeff, last summer and the birth of his third child.

His new album, *To the Sea*, was recorded after his 65-year-old father, who was a surfer like Jack, died of cancer. Johnson's daughter



To the Sea was recorded after the death of Jack Johnson's father.

"The title track (is) a story about a father leading his son to the sea, so that is both my dad and me looking down at my kids."

Jack Johnson

was born a month later. (Her name, like those of his sons, hasn't been revealed to the media.)

Grappling with life's transitions became a focal point.

"The title track (is) a story about a father leading his son to the sea, so that is both my dad and me looking down at my kids," he said.

"I guess I'm at a turning point here. I'm having to find the father in myself now, and the album has a lot to do with that, trying to understand yourself, trying to lead your children to understand themselves. At a time when I'm still learning the way of the world to try and be teaching that to the kids."

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Groups upset over cartoon about Jesus Christ

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Television

'Golden Girl' McClanahan dies

Rue McClanahan, the Emmy-winning actress who brought the sexually liberated Southern belle Blanche Devereaux to life on the hit TV series *The Golden Girls*, has died. She was 76.

Her manager Barbara Lawrence said McClanahan died Thursday at 1 a.m. of a stroke.

She had undergone treatment for breast cancer in 1997 and later lec-

tured to cancer support groups on "aging gracefully." In 2009, she had heart bypass surgery.

McClanahan had an active career in off-Broadway and regional stages in the 1960s before she was tapped for TV in the 1970s for the key best-friend character on the hit series *Maude*,

starring Beatrice Arthur. But her most loved role came in 1985 when she co-starred with Arthur, Betty White and Estelle Getty in *The Golden Girls*, a runaway hit that broke the sitcom mould by focusing on the foibles of four aging — and frequently eccentric — women liv-



Rue McClanahan

ing together in Miami. *Golden Girls* aimed to show "that when people mature, they add layers," she told *The New York Times* in 1985. "They don't turn into other creatures. The truth is we all still have our child, our adolescent, and your young woman living in us."

McClanahan snagged an Emmy for her work on the show in 1987.

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CTV to air Conan two hours later than in U.S.

TALK SHOW Canadians will be able to see Conan O'Brien's new talk show this fall — but they might have to stay up pretty late to do so.

CTV announced this morning that it will air O'Brien's new show at 1 a.m. — a full two hours after Americans will be able to watch it on TBS.

A spokesman for CTV said that the late-night program, which will debut in

November, will also air on the Comedy Network but said that time slot has yet to be determined.

CTV boasted that it will feature seven Canadian prime-time shows in its lineup including *Flashpoint*, *The Bridge*, *The Listener* and *Hiccups*. Global was criticized earlier this week for a dearth of original Canadian content.

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The big question about this year's MTV Movie Awards isn't who is nominated but who is Aziz Ansari and why is he hosting the show?

"I am a comedian. I'm an actor. And I can also get you a good deal on a brand new KIA," explains Ansari, who is probably best known as the always-scheming Tom Haverford on TV's Parks and Recreation.

"I think they (MTV producers) were under the impression I was a Jonas Brother."

Maybe so. Though it may also have been Ansari's stand-up comedy, his work on the MTV sketch series Human Giant, and small roles in recent features like Funny People and Observe and Report that got him the gig.

Truth is, the show's raucous, anything-goes, live atmosphere is a perfect stage for a comic used to surviving on his feet.

"I'm excited to do the show. It's really a great honor," says Ansari.

"When you look at the previous hosts (which include Ben Stiller, Eddie Murphy and Sarah Silverman). I mean, it's real good company to be in."

Though he has yet to begin writing material, Ansari says that because the



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Parks and Recreation star Aziz Ansari might not be the biggest name to host the MTV Movie Awards but his background in stand-up and sketch comedy has prepared him well for the task.

awards are all about movies (top nominees include Avatar, The Hangover and

The Twilight Saga: New Moon), it can write itself.

"You can't ask for anything more than a movie show. It's ridiculous fodder to react to," he says.

"To prepare myself, I'm trying to get one with the audience. I've pasted a picture of (Twilight's)

Robert Pattinson on my ceiling and just stare at it."

Ansari says the best bits in previous years tended to be "moments we couldn't possibly plan". Indeed, one does wonder if the actually awards — which include such new categories as Best Badass Star and Best Scared-As-S—t Performance — even matter at the end of the day.

"Wait till you see someone win the Best Global Superstar Award. They do matter," Ansari insists.

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Gala hostesses Rebecca MacDonald, left, and Alexandra MacDonald.



Gala event chair Jeffery Latimer, left, with Larry Tobin.

PHILANTHROPISTS PUT their best shoe forward at the second annual White Knight Gala hosted at the MacDonald Family Estate. The shoe-inspired evening was a fundraiser for the Ron White Foundation with funds supporting Free The Children and Go Local programs. The "wear white" cocktail attire soirée had guests enjoying a live auction by the poolside and the sounds of rock 'n' roll classics with a touch of operatic favours.



Gold medal ice dancers Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir.



RIGHT: Guest Jo MacDonald.



Guests Kyle Winters, left, and Howard Rideout.



Actor Kristin Booth.



From left, Free The Children's Craig Kielburger, RBC President of Greater Toronto Jennifer Tory and gala event chair shoe entrepreneur Ron White.

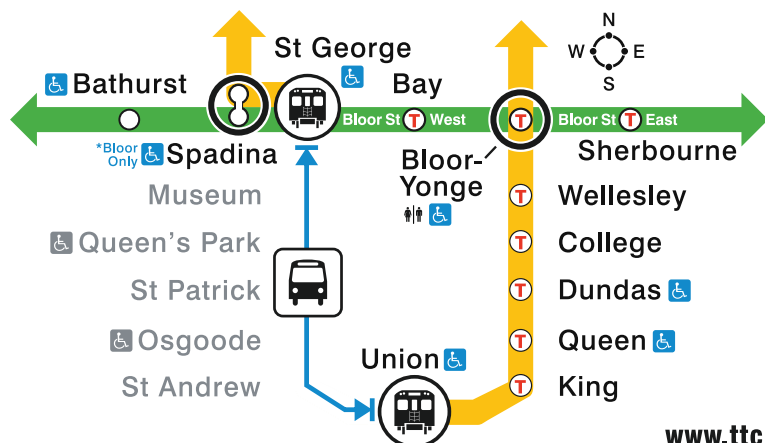


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Miss Ellie, a small, bug-eyed Chinese Crested Hairless dog whose pimples and lolling tongue helped her win Animal Planet's World's Ugliest Dog contest in 2009, has died at age 17. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

movies&entertainment **49****Going Out****Metro's 7th Heaven:** Metro taps what's hot right now**1 Howie Mandel**

TV It looks like the Canadian comedian is still at the top of his game. His show *Deal Or No Deal* is still going strong, and his newest gig, as a judge on America's Got Talent, is also paying off. The show, now in its fourth season, had strong ratings when it premiered this week.

**2 Club Dead**

BOOK The third season of *True Blood* premieres on HBO Canada later this month, and to mark the occasion Penguin has re-released Charlaine Harris' third novel in the Sookie Stackhouse series, *Club Dead*. The new season is based on the novel, which sees heroine Sookie travel to Mississippi in search of her missing vampire lover, Bill.

3 Soccer T-shirt

SPORTS A new ad from the Dutch Football Federation is causing a bit of a commotion on the Internet, and daring men to show off their chests. It features an orange T-shirt that has the face of a screaming soccer player printed on the inside. When the model in the ad pulls the front of his shirt over his head, the athlete's face covers his own. No word on whether the shirt is actually for sale.

**4 Splice Yourself**

INTERNET More Victor Frankenstein than Gregor Mendel, the net has a new application that allows you to "splice" a photo of yourself. The application is based on the new Sarah Polley and Adrian Brody film about scientists who splice DNA from different animals together to create a new species. It is in theatres this weekend. splicethefilm.com.

5 Donald Glover

CELEBRITY The star of the *Community* series might have an action movie under his belt — if his fans have their way. In the tradition of the Betty White-SNL Face-book petition, a new page has popped up urging producers to cast Glover as Spider-Man in the newest incarnation of the webslinger series.

6 The Boreal Gourmet

FOOD Canada's north is being celebrated in this new book by Michele Genest, who has creatively adapted Yukon recipes into gourmet creations. Her creations include an Elk Liver Pate, Smoked Fish Mousse, and Grilled Moose Steaks.

**7 Shutter Island**

DVD Martin Scorsese and Leonardo DiCaprio's latest collaboration is being released on Tuesday. The film sees DiCaprio play a U.S. marshal investigating the disappearance of a woman from a hospital for the criminally insane on Shutter Island.

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Potholes

When: Until June 23
Where: Pentimento Gallery

Davide Luciano and Claudia Ficca are newlywed photographers from Montreal, and when potholes claimed their car, the couple focused their frustration and used it to fuel their newest project.

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Basia Bulat

When: Friday, 8 p.m.
Where: Phoenix Concert

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When: Friday, 8 p.m.
Where: Horseshoe Tavern

This gig marks the first time that the original lineup will have played at the Horseshoe Tavern in 25 years. With Johnny & The G Rays. \$15.

Simon Rich

When: Friday, 8 p.m.
Where: Blue Moon Pub

Reading from Elliot Allagash. Tapped when he was just 22 to write for Saturday Night Live, Rich had three years of penning sketch gags under his belt by the time he turned out his first novel, *Elliot Allagash*.

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(Music) girls gone wild

Latest provocative clips hitting the web are made by women

PAT HEALY
Metro World News

More than 70 million people have watched two of the world's biggest pop stars murder a restaurant full of people and slip into a sexy, synchronized dance routine amongst the dead bodies.

While Lady Gaga and Beyoncé's nine-minute treatment for the song Telephone bears the rectangular red "explicit" tag on iTunes — where it sits comfortably as the No. 2 most purchased video — it is hardly the most shocking video to come out in the

past few months. But what is perhaps more shocking than any of the actual clips in question is that they were all made by women.

In Christina Aguilera's video for Not Myself Tonight, which is No. 3 on the iTunes videos chart, she plays a cussing dominatrix, who covers her scantily clad body in what appears to be liquid leather and makes both the boys and girls go gaga, basically by going Gaga.

Other recent controversial videos by women include Erykah Badu's public assassination strip tease in Window Seat and M.I.A.'s epicly violent Born Free,

in which the government rounds up redheads and executes them.

Marketing strategist Rachel Weingarten worked with Aguilera at the dawn of her career, and says she is disappointed by how derivative of Madonna and Lady Gaga the singer's latest is. Weingarten also says these women are being controversial only to make money in a dying music industry.

"What they're trying to do is attract the audience that's actually still buying electronics and still buying any of these things, and that's the young guy demographic, sitting in front of

the computer and drooling over the video and actually spending the \$2," she says.

Weingarten might be on to something: All of these videos were directed by men. However, most of the women have spoken about their extensive involvement in the projects.

Badu, who was charged with disorderly conduct late last month after stripping in the spot where JFK was shot — she pleaded not guilty — says she thinks she was misunderstood.

"It's about freeing oneself of the layers and layers of things that we have learned as Americans in this country," she told MTV News.



Videos are experiencing a comeback online with women — like M.I.A. (right) and Lady Gaga (above) — behind some of the most controversial ones.



Steve Waksman, professor of music and American studies at Smith College, seems heartened by the trend: "I think it's really interesting that you have a group of women who are all making very provocative

statements," he says. "The Internet is allowing video to circulate, and is opening up some different avenues for both male and female artists, but I think it's interesting women are taking more advantage of it."

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Below the surface in Koh Toa

Rock bottom prices will have you swimming along the ocean floor

DANI BIRCHENOUGH
Metro World News

You know those moments when, against your better judgement, you just fancy a Big Mac and a tall skinny mochachino?

Well, you'll need to leave them at home — because the breathtakingly beautiful Koh Tao is a McDonalds and Starbucks-free zone. The tiny tropical island remains largely unspoiled, and its waters are astonishingly rich with marine life making it a magnet for scuba divers across the world.

Koh Toa lies off the East Coast of the Gulf of Thailand, a little north of the better known (but unpleasantly hectic if you ask me) Koh Samui and Koh Pan Jang.

It's known locally as Turtle Island and boasts some of the most amazing beaches and bays in the world.

But Koh Toa is really about the scuba diving.

There are many brilliant dive sites around the island for both beginners and scuba pros alike, and



Koh Toa offers a nice reprieve from the hectic pace of southern Thailand.

they all have the added bonus of being cheap. You can even take recognized open water courses here.

Beginners can tackle the huge underwater rock chimney (with an amazing vertical swim-through) at Sail Rock, while experts

can try the South West Pinnacle an amazing array of rock shapes and giant fan corals.

But even if diving's not your thing Koh Tao is still a paradise. The central jungle affords mountain biking, rock climbing, and

hiking. And there's always just kicking back and soaking up the rays.

The nightlife rocks too. The restaurants and bars are friendly and cheap, and offer a variety of music styles, drink prices and atmosphere. And if you



Scuba divers of all abilities can find space in Koh Tao.

looking for an all night party on Koh Tao you will be able to find one with minimum effort.

My only warning would be that it is very easy to accidentally get stuck here. I spoke to lots of people who came to visit and are still here. Rachel Birchenough, who

runs the AC Bar was supposed to stay for 10 days. She has been on the island for six months.

Al Barr arrived on Koh Tao to visit a friend. He is now a dive control specialist at Phoenix Divers.

So just be careful. After seeing Koh Tao, you may never want to go home.

A scuba diving paradise



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The Lowdown



- The prices for fun diving and scuba diving lessons of any kind are among the lowest in the world
- All Dive Resorts on the island have agreed to work with the same prices
- Sail Fish and Marlins feed just off the coast of Koh Tao.
- The best time for fishing is said to be late afternoon.
- Buckets of Thai whiskey are often passed around nightclub dancefloors and you can quickly find yourself partying all night.



What?! They allowed him to breed again after Waterworld?

Kevin Costner is a father for the seventh time. The actor's wife gave birth to a daughter on Wednesday, femalefirst.co.uk reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz**Elin wants to raise Tiger's cubs on her own: Source**

STRAIGHT TO THE LION'S DEN In the impending divorce battle between Tiger Woods and Elin Nordegren, she is reportedly planning on going after full custody of their two children, according to Radar Online. Though

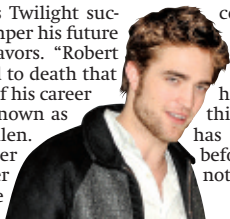


speculation had been that they'd agree to joint custody, that has reportedly changed. "Elin isn't saying that she's moving to Sweden but she does

want full custody now," a source says. "She has changed a lot since Tiger's cheating was discovered and since he returned to golf, she's distanced herself from him. It seems to have killed the small chance they had at reconciling." **METRO WORLD NEWS**

Twilight star haunted by vampire typecasting

OH CRY ME A RIVER, EDWARD. IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE THAT POOR HARRY POTTER KID It may be a little late, but Robert Pattinson is worried that his Twilight success will hamper his future acting endeavors. "Robert is frightened to death that for the rest of his career he will be known as Edward Cullen. No matter what other roles he



plays, he will never be able to shake off Edward's fangs and it terrifies him," a friend of the British star tells Popeater. "Of course, Rob loves the money that the role has made him, but he is only 24. To think your career has already peaked before you hit 25 is not a good thing." **METRO WORLD NEWS**

Clooney's girlfriend denies Aniston Twitter swipe

BRILLIANT! WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS USE TECHNOLOGY TO CLAIM TECHNOLOGICAL IGNORANCE Elisabetta Canalis, George Clooney's Italian girlfriend, nearly caused a celebrity war because of a misfired Twitter post comparing Jennifer Aniston to punk rocker Iggy Pop. "I just read on Google that I tweeted something bad about J. Aniston," Canalis post-



ed on her account as way of explanation. "Let me be clear, it's a complete lie. I would never do that." Canalis had re-tweeted another user's catty comparison, saying that Pop looked like Aniston on the cover of Rolling Stone. "I was, at the beginning, not sure what 'retweet' meant," Canalis explained.

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Cannon coy about Mariah pregnancy

CAN'T YOU HEARTLESS FOOLS RESPECT THAT THEY'RE HOLDING OUT FOR A PEOPLE MAGAZINE COVER? Nick Cannon is getting fed up with speculation about wife Mariah Carey's possible pregnancy, insisting that if he and her family don't know about it first, it isn't happening.

"I'm pretty sure that when my wife is ready to make any announcement it won't be to the media, to the public, first," he posted on his Twitter account. "She'll tell her family, she'll tell her friends, and then, you know, when she's ready to share with the rest of the world, who is her extended family and friends, then she'll let everybody know." But shooting down the rumors didn't stop him from joking on his radio show. "We're going to name all of our kids Mariah no matter if they're boys or girls," he said.



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Heidi and Spencer split most likely a 'fake-up'

AND IN OTHER SHOCKING NEWS, REALITY TV IS SCRIPTED Heidi Montag and Spencer Pratt's separation is actually just one big publicity ploy, according to Us Weekly. "Heidi and Spencer are laughing over it and having a blast," a source says. "This breakup is the latest part of Spencer's master plan. There are no plans for divorce." Montag is reportedly trying to sell producers on a single-girls reality show about her and a pal now that their MTV series, The Hills, is over.

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**Russell Brand's birthday wishes**

PLEASE START WITH A BATH OF SOME KIND Russell Brand's birthday is coming up — but he doesn't want a thing. The comedian-actor, who turns 35 on Friday, says he's "got everything I need."

Brand stars in the film Get Him to the Greek, which opens Friday, and is engaged to pop singer Katy Perry. Brand's character is the lead singer of the fictional band Infant Sorrow, which performs on the film's soundtrack, also out this week.



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Cyrus and boyfriend on hiatus

ATTENTION ALL ASPIRING MALE ACTORS AND SINGERS: CASTING AT NOON It looks like trouble in paradise for Miley Cyrus, who is reportedly on the outs with Australian boyfriend — and The Last Song co-star — Liam Hemsworth, according to the National Enquirer. Hemsworth's recent success apparently caused tension between the two. "The result was a vicious fight — and Liam bolted. He said he's tired of her folks' interference and that Miley's jealous that his film career has taken off," a source says. "Miley, her family and all her baggage are too much for him to handle." When asked about the relationship herself, Cyrus reportedly responded, "We are on a break."

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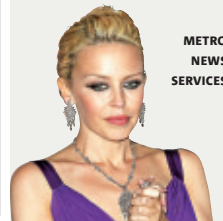
SPENCER PRATT needs a referral, **JOHN CLEESE** is picking sides, **LINDSAY LOHAN** is finally seeing herself clearly, and **KYLIE MINOGUE** is following the recent trend of debunking breakup rumours.



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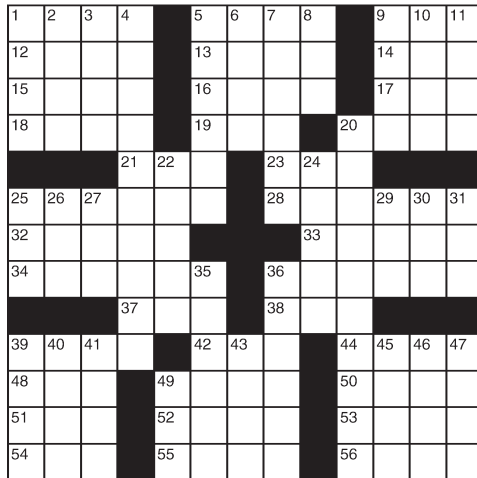
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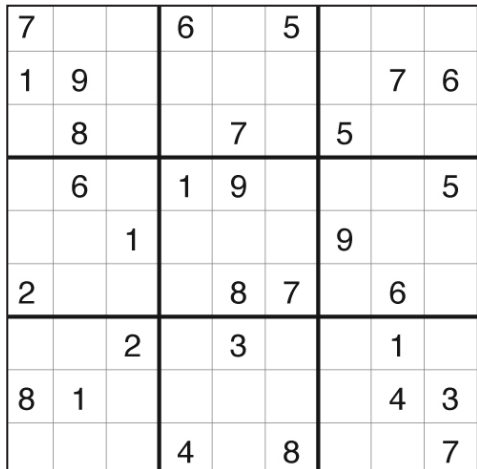
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1/4 tsp cayenne pepper
2 hard-boiled large eggs, sieved
2 tbsp minced parsley

METHOD:

1. In medium pot, cook rice according to package directions, omitting salt.

2. Meanwhile, in large skillet, place fish in single layer. Cover with cold water. Add bay leaves and peppercorns. Bring to boil. Simmer, covered, 8 minutes or until fish flakes when tested with

fork. Drain fish; discard cooking liquid and seasonings. Cool fish slightly. Remove and discard skin and bones. Use fork to flake fish. Set aside.

3. In same skillet, melt butter over moderate heat. Add onion and cook 5 minutes or until tender. Stir in curry powder and cayenne pepper. Cook, stirring 1 minute. Stir in cooked rice and half of sieved egg. Add fish; combine. Heat through, stirring constantly. To serve, sprinkle with remaining sieved egg and parsley.

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20



The more time you spend thinking about doing something the more excuses you will find to put off doing it.

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SEPT 23-OCT 23



You may feel that a partner or colleague is behaving unreasonably but why do they act that way? Have you given it any thought? Maybe you should.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21



It is never too late to tell someone that you love them, so what are you waiting for? Like you they are looking for an opportunity to kiss and make up.

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OCT 24-NOV 22



You need to let rivals and competitors know that you mean business, but not in a way that antagonizes them.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21



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NOV 23-DEC 21



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CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22



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JULY 23-AUG 23



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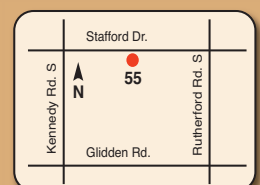
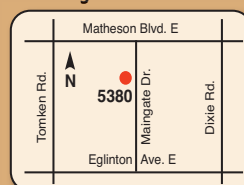
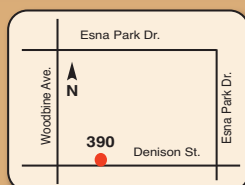
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